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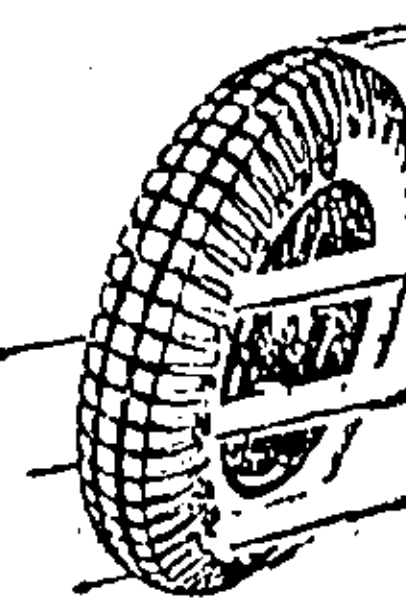
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WAR CRY OF SPANISH PRETENDER.

Don Jaime's Threat to Republicans.

ALFONSO'S FAILURE.

Paris, Yesterday.
A Legitimist bomb has been thrown at the new Spanish regime by the Spanish Pretender, Don Jaime of Bourbon, son of the famous Don Carlos who himself led his supporters in the Carlist War of 1872.

Don Jaime has seized the opportunity afforded by the absence of Alfonso to publish a manifesto calling on all monarchists to rally to the Legitimist cause and unite in combating Communism.

Don Jaime declares that it is unjust that, "as a result of the failure of a King who did not know how to win the love of his people," the Monarchist movement should end. Don Jaime offers to put himself at the head of all patriots, and declares that he is even ready to shed his blood in the fight against Communism.

Her Wish Came True.
Ex-King Alfonso's aunt, the octogenarian Infanta Isabella, who, though paralysed, insisted on leaving Madrid because she refused to die in Republican Spain, died in a nursing home at Passy this afternoon. She only arrived in Paris on Monday night.—Reuter.

Earlier News.

Madrid, Yesterday.
The Finance Minister declares that measures against the export of capital have been most successful.

He instances the cases of twenty-nine people who had withdrawn their money from a single establishment and who have now decided to restore it. Similar reports have been received from the provinces.

The Minister of the Interior announces that the Government intends to suppress gambling in Spain, even in the casinos.

The Royal palaces at Seville and Barcelona have been handed over to the respective municipalities.

The War Minister has announced that all officers will be given four days in which to take the oath of fidelity to the Republic.

King's Trial.

Paris, Yesterday.
In an interview with the Madrid correspondent of the paper Excelsior, Senor Zamora said it was unlikely Spain would take steps to try Alfonso for his alleged misdeeds. The question would be left to the Constituent Assembly.

Is He King?

London, Yesterday.
"Is he King Alfonso or Mr. Alfonso?" queried a Labour member in the House of Commons when Mr. Clynes stated that no application had been received on King Alfonso's behalf for permission to reside in Britain.

Asked whether a landing visa had been granted to Alfonso, Mr. Clynes replied that so far as he knew Alfonso came to Britain under conditions corresponding with those always prevailing in different countries relating to Royal visits.

In the hubbub due to several members rising simultaneously, Labour cries were heard of "What about Trotsky!"—Reuter.

KAYE DON RETURNS SPEED DEMON FRESH FROM HIS TRIUMPHS.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The British racing motorist, Kaye Don, was given a great welcome by a large crowd on arriving in London to-day on his return from South America, where he set up a new world speed record in the motor boat Miss England II at Buenos Aires a few weeks ago.—British Wireless Service.

COST OF PEACE.

\$115,190 PAID TO LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

Rugby, Yesterday.
In a Parliamentary answer to-day the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Arthur Henderson, stated that the British Government's contributions to the League of Nations and the International Labour Office totalled £107,770 in 1929 and £115,190 last year.—British Wireless Service.

INSURANCE COMPANY GROWS APACE.

New Quarters Opened in New York.

POLICY OF EXPANSION.

The American Insurance Co., of Newark, N.J., have recently taken over new premises in New York on Washington Street, opposite Washington Park.

The building, with its graceful many-storied tower, is a landmark visible from numerous points of the City. It was specially erected as headquarters of the company.

The history of the company, which dates back nearly a century, is one of continual growth in strength and influence. For instance, in 1906 the San Francisco earthquake and fire cost the company over \$81,000,000 which was paid promptly and without discount.

The company officials believe it desirable to own and operate a group of companies, securing a wider spread and diversity of risks through a greater agency force. Hence in 1924 the stock of the Columbia Fire Insurance Co., Dayton, Ohio, was purchased. In 1929 the company purchased the Dixie Fire Insurance Company of Greensboro, N.C., and the Bankers' Indemnity Company of Newark.

EXTRALITY PARLEY PROCEEDING.

But An Agreement Not Imminent.

FINAL INSTRUCTIONS?

London, Yesterday.
The British Foreign Office is ignorant of reports from China with regard to an imminent agreement between Sir Miles Lampson and Dr. Wang, on the subject of extrality.

All that is known here is that the discussions are proceeding.

Nanking, Yesterday.

The Nationalists' hope for a final settlement with the British Government on the question of extrality abolition is centred in a conference this afternoon at four o'clock between Dr. C. T. Wang, the Foreign Minister, and Sir Miles Lampson, the British Minister in Peking.

Three important officials of the Nanking Foreign Ministry participated at the meeting. It is understood that the final British Government instructions on extrality negotiations were received by Sir Miles Lampson this morning, but details of the British decision and the result of to-day's conference are being kept a secret by the Foreign Ministry.

Dr. Wang indicates that a second conference with Sir Miles Lampson has been scheduled for next week.

It is understood that the Sino-Norwegian extrality agreement was signed at 3.30 this afternoon by Dr. C. T. Wang and the Norwegian Minister, Mr. Aubert.

The Sino-Dutch extrality agreement is being signed this evening by Dr. Wang and Heer Oudendijk.

Details of the agreements have not been made public.—Reuter.

HUNGER STRIKE.

JAPANESE WORKERS LOCKED IN GODOWN.

Tokyo, Yesterday.
Since Tuesday, 200 workers in the Japan Dyeing and Weaving Co. have been on a hunger strike, demanding reinstatement of one of their discharged comrades.

The strikers have locked themselves in a godown, neither working nor eating, although the management and sympathisers have taken food to them.

Two hundred women working in the same factory have started a "go slow" strike in sympathy.—Reuter.

MISSING SEAPLANE.

Tokyo, Yesterday.
During a return trip from Taihoku, while flying over Sasebo, three out of sixteen naval seaplanes were forced down on the water this afternoon.

Two of the machines were picked up by steamers, but one is still missing.—Reuter.

EXPEDITION SENT TO MADEIRA.

Minister Repugnant to Shed Blood.

"ACCUSTOMED TO OBEY."

Lisbon, Yesterday.
Captain Magalhães Correia, Minister of Marine, sailed with the remainder of the expedition to Madeira early this morning. Correia, who is in command of the naval and military forces, said he hoped that he would be spared the necessity of shedding the blood of his fellow countrymen, but he was a soldier accustomed to obey orders and to have orders obeyed.

Gibraltar, Yesterday.
The British cruiser Curlew has sailed westward. It is not revealed where her destination is, but it is believed that she is relieving the cruiser London at Madeira.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIA'S DEBTS TO BRITAIN.

Bill to Amend Bank Act of Commonwealth.

TO LIMIT NOTE ISSUE.

Canberra, Yesterday.
The House of Representatives passed by 19 votes to 17 the second reading of the Government's Bill to amend the Commonwealth Bank Act, requiring the Bank to hand the Federal Treasurer all the gold necessary to meet the Commonwealth's indebtedness to London. The measure replaces the statutory provision for 25 per cent. gold reserve by limiting the issue of Australian notes to £60,000,000.—Reuter.

CHINESE ART.

EXHIBITION TO BE HELD IN NOVEMBER.

MISSIONARY WORK.

The Victoria Diocesan and Missionary Association wish to announce that they will be holding a Chinese Exhibition on Thursday, and Saturday, November 5, 6 and 7 this year.

A committee has been formed with Mrs. E. D. C. Wolfe as chairman to proceed with the organisation of the exhibition. It is not possible, at present, to give a detailed account of the various attractions of the exhibition but the intention of the organisers is to make it both comprehensive and representative. There will be included, a display of Chinese Art of various kinds; booths where craftsmen may be seen at work making various articles; stalls where their finished work may be purchased; tableaux illustrating Chinese customs and many other interesting attractions.

The Objects.

The objects of the exhibition are:

- 1.—To foster interest in Chinese Arts and Crafts and to help towards mutual friendship.
- 2.—To exhibit aspects of Christian Work in South China and to demonstrate the value of missionary effort.
- 3.—To raise funds for work in the Diocese of Victoria.

MONKEY TRICKS.

SOLDIER BITTEN BY A PET.

A brown monkey owned by Private J. Hinbury, R.E., has been sent to Kennedy Town for observation. It is stated to have bitten Sergeant Jones on the right hand when the latter was playing with it at Wellington Barracks.

Sergeant Jones was treated at the Military Hospital.

FLIGHT TO ROME.

CAPT. HAWKS FLIES BACK TO BRITAIN.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Captain Frank Hawks, who yesterday attempted to fly from London to Rome and back in one day and was forced down south of Paris on his return flight, to-day reached Heston Aerodrome, having flown from Le Bourget in 59 minutes.—British Wireless Service.

THRILLING RESCUES AT SEA.

Smart Work by P. & O. Liner.

SURVIVORS HERE.

Thrilling stories have come to hand this morning of the rescue, under adverse conditions of the survivors of the s.s. Hwah Yang, which was wrecked off Wanchow on April 22.

Great tribute is being paid to the officers and crew of the P. & O. steamer s.s. Rajputana (Capt. H. M. Jacks) who took off the ill-fated crew and passengers on about 11 a.m. on Wednesday.

The rescued people were landed at the Kowloon Wharf this morning, the only European among them being the master, Captain Sokoloff.

The First Intimation.

The Rajputana first received intimation of the disaster by a wireless message at 10 a.m. on April 22, and immediately proceeded to the scene. On arrival all that could be seen of the wreck were the tops of two masts. The survivors were gathered on an adjacent rock.

Orders were immediately given for a motor boat and two life-

FAIR.

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states:

An anti-cyclone is central to the East of Tokyo. Forecast:—E. or variable winds; moderate; fair.

Rainfall.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day—nil. Rainfall since January 1—12.97 inches against an average of 10.26 inches—surplus 2.71 inches.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—

Hong Kong	68
Macao	70
Pratas Island	77
Manila	77
Foochow	60
Amoy	65
Chefoo	54
Shanghai	50

boats to put out. The former was under the charge of the third officer, Mr. Buckley, and the other two under the fourth officer, Mr. Williamson and Quarter-Master Kelly. In spite of the rough sea and treacherous currents, the rescue was safely effected, even a small fox terrier being saved.

The survivors said that they experienced much molestation from the pirates, some of whom are stated to have been passengers on the ship.

Shanghai Message.

The s.s. Hwah Yang, a Chinese-owned steamer of Shanghai, flying the Chinese flag, stranded off Wanchow and foundered to-day.

There were 114 passengers and crew, the latter Chinese, and all were rescued by a British steamer which was on a voyage to Hong Kong.—Reuter.

[The Hwah Yang is a steamer of 1,027 net tonnage, constructed in 1923 by Messrs. D. and W. Henderson and Co., Glasgow. It is owned by the South China Steamship Co., Ltd., Shanghai.]

ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

SERVICE MEN'S CONCERT IN LEE THEATRE.

GREAT SUCCESS.

St. George's Day celebrations concluded last night with a Service men's concert in the Lee Theatre at Wanchai. Several well-known artists contributed to the programme, which was greatly appreciated by the crowded "house." The evening concluded with the audience joining in the singing of "Land of Hope and Glory" and the National Anthem.

During the interval the President of St. George's Society, Mr. E. C. Cock, gave an address appropriate to the occasion. He welcomed the men of His Majesty's Forces, and also returned thanks to all those who had helped to make the function such a success.

PLAN TO REPLACE CUSTOMS PACT.

Scheme for Vast World Agreement.

CONCERTED ACTION.

Prague, Yesterday.
An ambitious "All European" scheme, whereby the proposed Austro-German Customs Union might be replaced by a vast international agreement on agricultural and industrial questions, was outlined by M. Benes, the Czechoslovak Foreign Minister, in a speech to the Foreign Committee in the Chamber of Deputies.

The scheme includes concerted action by Germany, France, Italy, Czechoslovakia, Austria, and possibly Switzerland, regarding the disposal of the agricultural surplus of the States of South Eastern Europe, and a European agreement on industrial production and distribution.—Reuter.

TAIWAN BEACH NO MORE.

Doom Seen in Official Notice.

A RECLAMATION SCHEME.

A notice to mariners issued by the Harbour Master and posted at the Harbour Office seems to indicate that in spite of the protest which has been voiced by residents, there is no hope of Government reconsidering its decision to dispose of the Taiwan bathing beach.

The notice is as follows:—A reclamation involving the construction of a sea wall will shortly be commenced off Taiwan. The southern end will be marked by a white light situated about 125 yards from the shore.

A POOR EXCUSE.

CHINESE WHO DID NOT KNOW THE CUSTOMS.

REVENUE CASES.

Pleading guilty before Mr. Williams this morning to having failed to pay duty on a quantity of tobacco, a Chinese stated that although he had been in Hong Kong for a long while he had not learned the customs.

Revenue Officer W. G. Humphreys said that the tobacco was concealed in a parcel of cakes, which defendant carried as he came off the Wing Lok Wharf. A fine of \$25 or, in default, three weeks' jail was imposed.

In another case, a Chinese woman was fined \$7 or ten days' imprisonment for failing to pay duty on two bottles of wine, which, as stated by R. O. Humphreys, were concealed in a specially-constructed girdle. The woman was arrested on the Ping On Wharf.

GOING ON LEAVE.

FOUR POLICE OFFICERS DEPART TO-MORROW.

POSTS REPLACED.

Det.-Inspector W. Shannon and Mrs. Shannon and family, Sub-Inspector J. R. MacWalter, Acting Sub-Inspector E. Whant, and Sub-Inspector J. Fender are going on leave to-morrow in the P. & O. Rajputana.

Inspector E. Bloor returned from Home leave yesterday on the P. & O. Comorin, and has assumed the duties of Divisional Inspector at Central Police Station.

We understand that Inspector K. Andrew will act in Inspector Shannon's capacity in the C.I.D., whilst Inspector J. E. Booker is relieving Inspector Andrew in charge of waterfront duties.

Det.-Sergt. C. Mottram will act in Det.-A.S.I. Whant's position in the Passports' Office.

EARL OF ATHLONE.

Rugby, Yesterday.
A Constantinople message states that the Earl of Athlone, former Governor-General of South Africa, arriving from England to-day to-morrow pay an official visit to the President.—British Wireless Service.

SECRETS OF HOME BUDGET.

Mr. Baldwin Fails to "Draw" Premier.

COMMONS INCIDENT.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The rising curiosity in political circles as to the well-kept secrets of the Budget statement which the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Philip Snowden, will make on Monday, was heightened by an incident in the House of Commons to-night. After the Prime Minister had stated the business for next week, Mr. Stanley Baldwin drew attention to the departure from the usual formula—"consideration of the Budget resolutions," and to the Premier's words, "business arising out of the statement."

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald said: "Something may arise out of the statement which will require action by the House, but I assure the House that it need not be at all alarmed about it." Pressed further he took refuge humorously in the Parliamentary tradition of "not anticipating the Budget statement."

The Budget speeches will be the first public appearance of Mr. Snowden since his recent severe illness.—British Wireless Service.

PRINCES TO RETURN BY AIR.

Reception to Be Held in Lisbon.

ARRIVING TO-MORROW.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Prince of Wales and Prince George have decided to complete the last stage of their journey home from South America by air. They will embark, with members of their suite in an Imperial Airways Liner at Bordeaux and fly in to Britain.

The Princes hope to reach Lisbon on Saturday morning, where they will be received by the Portuguese Ministers and other high officials. They will drive to the British Embassy, afterwards calling on the President. In the evening, following a reception at the Embassy to the British Colony, the Princes will attend the Government banquet and reception.

They will embark the same night in H.M.S. Kent, landing at the mouth of the Gironde next morning and driving to Bordeaux Aerodrome, where an air liner will await them.

The cruiser Kent, which is on its way home from China to Chatham, where she will pay off and recommission, reached Gibraltar to-day and will arrive at Lisbon on Saturday.—British Wireless Service.

PRINCE TAKAMATSU.

PLOT TO ASSASSINATE HIM OVERHEARD.

POLICE GUARD DOUBLED.

Boston, Yesterday.
The Police guard at Prince Takamatsu's hotel was doubled last night, following a report that two men had been overheard planning an assassination there.—Reuter's American Service.

[A message of April 10 stated:—Rumours that Communists have planned a demonstration on the arrival of the Japanese Prince and Princess Takamatsu, have led to extra guards being assigned to protect the couple, who will be arriving from England to-day to spend a month in the United States.]

PALESTINE SCHEME.

DISCUSSIONS IN HAND FOR DEVELOPMENT.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The Colonial Office announces that discussions on the development scheme for Palestine started yesterday in London and at Jerusalem. The discussions in London are being conducted with the Jewish agency by an International Committee appointed by the Government and those at Jerusalem by Jew and Arab leaders appointed by the High Commissioner.—British Wireless Service.

CHAUFFEUR TOLD TO "MOVE ON, PLEASE."

Private Driver Fined For Obstruction.

A NOVEL SUMMONS.

"Is a master to run half way round Hong Kong to look for his chauffeur?" queried Mr. A. R. Covey in the Central Magistracy this morning, when he appeared to defend Tam Cheung, the driver of a private motor car, who was summoned before Mr. Schofield, at the instigation of Sub-Inspector A. Nicoll, for having "failed to move on when called upon to do so by a police officer in Pedder Street on March 30 at 10.35 p.m."

Mr. Covey tendered a plea of "not guilty" to the summons.

Order Disobeyed.

Sub-Inspector Nicoll gave evidence to say that he was on duty in Pedder Street on the night in question when he saw a number of men standing near the car parking-stand. He approached them and told them to stand in between the cars. All obeyed the order but one man, who stood, according to the witness, two paces in front of his car. When witness had walked away and returned, defendant was still standing there, and when asked to produce his licence, defendant stated that he was waiting for his master.

Replying to the Magistrate, witness said that there was quite a lot of traffic, as it was the opening night of the King's Theatre. The park stand in Pedder Street was full.

In reply to another question, witness said that it was likely that defendant was standing in front of the car so that his master would see him, and would not have to look for him (defendant). Witness added that any vehicle going down Pedder Street would have to swerve to the left to avoid the defendant.

Cross-examined by Mr. Covey, witness agreed that the cars parked in Pedder Street were never in a straight line, either during the day or at night. Answering further questions, witness said that he had a good idea that defendant was waiting for someone.

Not Warned.

The defendant gave evidence on his own behalf, and said that he was employed by Mr. Leung Yu-tuk, and had held a licence for four years. Regarding the incident, defendant said that he was standing on the near side of the mudguard near the bumper and not in front of the car as was alleged by the prosecution. He was told that he had caused an obstruction, but had never been warned to move away or even told what position to take up.

Mr. Covey pointed out that Sub-Inspector Nicoll did not tell defendant where to move to if he was in a wrong position. He maintained that the ordinance under which the summons had been taken out, was not applicable in a case like this. The general idea of the ordinance, he said, applied to people who kept hanging about the streets with luggage.

A New Experience.

In London it often happened that a person had been told to move on but, declared Mr. Covey, he had never heard of a chauffeur being told to move on, even though he was looking after or standing near his car. He asked his Worship to believe the defendant's story and to discharge him.

The Magistrate held that he preferred the prosecution's story, and imposed a fine of \$3, adding that it was a pedestrian's offence and not a traffic offence.

TRAIN WRECK.

ALL BODIES NOW RECOVERED.

All the bodies have now been recovered from the train wreck at Shatin, the last one being got out yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock. The total death toll is thus definitely eleven, nine of whom were killed in the smash, the other two dying in the hospital.

Nine injured persons are still detained in hospital.

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TUESDAY, April 28, 1931,

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WEDNESDAY, April 29, 1931,

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With the revival of water-colour printing, rubber will be in a great demand, as finer and clearer details under a mass of colour are easily possible to obtain. And neither oil nor water-colour has any effect upon its constituency.

From the printer's point of view, one nightmare has been reduced to quite a small innocent dream. Made-ready is practically nil. And secondly, only about 75 per cent. of the normal amount of coloured ink is necessary to get a much better coloured effect.

A London enthusiast, Mr. F. Rowling, of the North London Master Printers' Association, said he believed that rubber plates are going to be of great assistance to the printer, because with them he would be able to produce work that would ordinarily be passed on to the lithographic specialist printer.

As an instance, the speaker exhibited a job produced on rubber plates by a local printer for a German house, the same job originally being produced in Germany by lithography. That firm had received an order from the same firm in Germany to produce the same job in Dutch.

As a saving of costs, Mr. Rowling showed examples of a litho poster heading and border which had cost the customer £14 per 1,000 copies, but which, had it been produced from rubber blocks, would have cost from £4 to £5 per 1,000 copies.

And now, as world trade is slowly tending to unbend all such reduced costs in production will add many houses who have fought the slump with capital reserves.

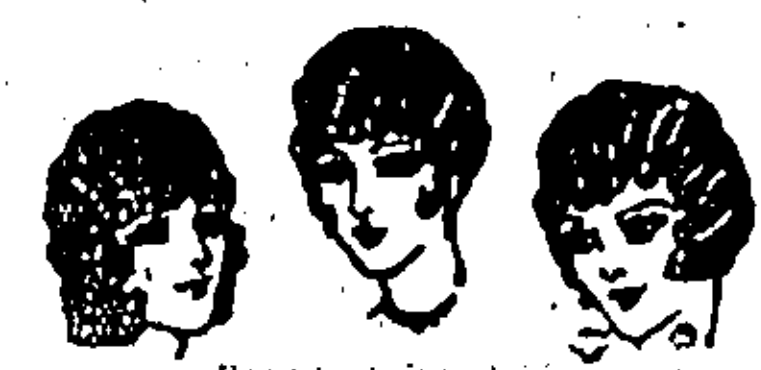
A WITCH'S PREDICTION.

Strange Death of A Centenarian.

At Kriva Palanka, on the Bulgarian frontier, Dode Milenkovich, the oldest man in the district, celebrated his 110th birthday one day last October. He was interviewed by journalists, photographed, and then told them that a witch had long ago predicted that he would die on Shrove-tide in the year 1931. Turning to the company who were assembled to do him honour he declared: "The gentleman has come to take my likeness. Nothing else remains."

When Shrove-tide came Dode's health remained as good as ever; nevertheless he rose especially early, prayed, and put on a new shirt. He then summoned the whole of his family, numbering about forty persons, kissed them all, and bade them farewell. His sons, grandsons, and their wives smiled at the old man's fancy, but presently he passed away sitting in his chair, and thus fulfilled the witch's prediction.

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The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres.

5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

7-9 p.m.—European Programme of H.M.V. & Victor Records kindly supplied by Messrs. S. Moutrie & Co.

7.02-7.23 p.m.—Hawaiian Music. Down the River of Golden Dreams, When its Springtime in the Rockies, Hilo Hawaiian Orchestra (22339).

Kane's Blues, Hilo Girl, Louisiana Lullaby, My Bird of Paradise, Hilo Orchestra (21424).

7.24-8 p.m.—A Selection of Victor Herbert's Music.

Pan American, Selections from the Rose of Algeria, Victor Salon Orchestra Directed by Nat Shilkret (9903).

a. Yesterthoughts, b. Funchinello, Victor Salon Orchestra Directed by Nat Shilkret (9904).

Selections from Eileen, Victor Salon Group Directed by Nat Shilkret (9904).

Selections from The Only Girl, Victor Salon Group Directed by Nat Shilkret (9905).

a. Fleurette, b. Under the Elms, Victor Salon Orchestra Directed by Nat Shilkret (9906).

Selections from Princess Pat, Victor Salon Group Directed by Nat Shilkret (9906).

a. Land of My Own Romance, b. Serenade, c. Absinthe Frappe, Victor Salon Group (9907).

Selections from Nantoma, Victor Salon Orchestra Directed by Nat Shilkret (9907).

8 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.

8.03-8.41 p.m.—Chamber Music.

Pianoforte Solo—Impromptu in A Flat (Schubert), Sarabande (Bach), Sergei Rachmaninoff (6621).

Violin Solo—Siellienne & Rigaudon (Francœur & Kreisler), Melodie Arabie (Glazounov & Kochanski), Sadah Shuchari (4114).

Cello Solo—Spanish Dance (Grandos & Casals), Pablo Casals (1311).

Pianoforte Solo—Liebestraut (Kreutzer-Rachmaninoff), Sergei Rachmaninoff (1142).

Guitar Solo—Courante (Bach), Sonatina in A Major (Torroba), Andres Segovia (1298).

Cello Solo—Musette (Bach-Pollain), Pablo Casals (1349).

8.41-9 p.m.—Talkie Tunes.

Follow a Star—Vocal Gums, Columbia Light Opera Co. (C2087).

Puttin' on the Ritz—Selections, Happy Days—Selections, New Mayfair Orchestra (C1893).

9-10.30 p.m.—From the Studio.

1. Pianoforte Solo—Miss L. Pecker. Etude de Concert (Lamento) (Liszt).

2. Songs by Mrs. R. Sanger (Soprano) accompanied by Mr. George Grimble.

a. At Dawning (Cadman), b. Sweet Miss Mary (Neidlinger), c. Songs by Mr. Li Chor-chi (Tenor) accompanied by Mr. George Grimble.

a. O Dry Those Tears (del Riego), b. I Hear Thrush at Eve (Cadman), with Violin Obligato by Mr. H. S. Yung.

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

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CENSUS REVEALS QUEER TRADES.

The census returns for the city of Kuala Lumpur, including Sentul, Setapak, and Salak South, but excluding Sungai Besi, Ampang, etc., show that there is a population subject to subsequent confirmation, of 112,156.

There were many amusing details given in some of the returns. One man gave his language as "American," while another wrote that his "family languages," were English, Spanish and Hawaiian. A Caledonian wrote that he spoke "broad Scots," and another, that he spoke "engineers' language."

A Place Apart. A citizen of the U.S.A. described himself as being of the "white race." A surprising number filled in the answer as to the country of their birth with "Aberdeen," which would appear to confirm the theory that Aberdeen is a place apart.

The "Occupations" questions provided many enlightening answers. One man described himself as "cycle proprietor;" three women each said they were "children's mother," and one man said he was a "banner carrier." One parent wrote of his son "He is no scholar." Some of the more unusual pursuits given were those of "Federal pensioners," "Just left school," "clerk in the firm," "caretaker of a train," and "invalid."

Our Novelist. A Chinese lady wrote that her occupation was that of chaperone, while a professor refused to divulge his subject.

The census revealed one "doctrine teacher," and one novelist (Indian) as residing in the Federal Capital.—Malay Mail.

The proposed establishment of an agricultural products export board for Canada, to handle shipment of all surpluses apart from grain was endorsed by the British Columbia Egg Pool members at their recent annual meeting. The functioning of the board was described by W. A. Landreth, general manager of the Canadian Egg Pool. The board will comprise representatives of producers and the trade, and will handle export surpluses of livestock, dairy and poultry products.

4. Songs by Miss Angeles Silos (Mezzo Soprano) accompanied by Miss L. Pecker.

a. Quejias del Corazon (C. R. Llamas), b. Love (Edmund Gouling), c. Songs by Mr. Derek Holmes (Baritone) accompanied by Mr. Fountain.

a. The Gay Highway, b. Lullaby, c. Pianoforte Solos—Miss L. Pecker.

a. Nocturne Op. 72 (Chopin), b. Grillen (Whims) (Schumann), c. Songs—Mrs. R. Sanger accompanied by Mr. George Grimble.

a. Mighty Love a Rose (Nevin), b. On the Road to Mandalay (Kipling & Oley Speaks), c. Songs—Mr. Li Chor-chi (Tenor) accompanied by Mr. George Grimble.

a. Si Vous L'avez Compris (Denza), b. Berceuse de Jocelyn (Godard), with Violin Obligato by Mr. H. S. Yung.

9. Songs—Miss Angeles Silos (Mezzo Soprano) accompanied by Miss L. Pecker.

a. Good-bye (Tosti), b. Tosen (Puccini), c. Songs by Mr. Derek Holmes (Baritone) accompanied by Mr. Fountain.

a. Nirvana, b. Sing me a Song of the Morning, 10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

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A WHOLE WEEK'S NEWSPAPERS IN ONE.

Possibly the worst train disaster ever known in the Colony occurred during the week when a local train from Shumchun plunged thirty feet from the rails at a place between Taipo and Shatin, where torrential rains had undermined and washed away the banking. At least eleven deaths, with many injuries, resulted, and agonising scenes were witnessed when rescue parties endeavoured to free the victims, who were trapped in the wreckage. It is reported that 13 inches of rain fell in the district in 48 hours. The OVERLAND CHINA MAIL contains a full and graphic account by eye-witnesses of the rescue scenes.

Sharp sentences were dealt out at the April Assizes in the case of two Chinese who were caught counterfeiting American silver dollars near Shaikwan. The OVERLAND CHINA MAIL gives a detailed account of the trial.

The annual meeting of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels was notable for an urgent plea by a shareholder that a stabilised currency be adopted in the Colony. Another shareholder urged that the company get rid of their "outside" holdings, and concentrate entirely upon business in Hong Kong. The OVERLAND CHINA MAIL, which contains a complete report, also records the Chairman's statement as to the increased popularity of the company's buses, together with his outline of possible future activities.

A daring attack by many pirate junks upon the stranded s.s. Limchow, at Poshim Pagoda, Hainan Strait, necessitated an urgent call for protection from the salvage tug standing by. A British destroyer was at once despatched to the scene. The pirates had looted and set fire to the abandoned ship, which is thought to have had valuable cargo aboard. The OVERLAND CHINA



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SEA BEAUTIES.

SUCH GRACIOUS LADIES THEY WERE.

There is a corner in south-west London where you should walk warily, for it is haunted; not, as you might expect by our Victoria grandmothers, who drove their landaus in the Cromwell Road, but by the spirits of those gracious ladies of a still yet earlier day: the brigs and brigantines, barges and schooners that were once the pride of London River, writes Joan Grisby in the Evening News.

Down in the dimness of a cellar, that runs under a small antique shop, you will find them—salt-encrusted, storm-battered figure-heads that were, to the old seamen, the embodiment of the spirit of the ships in which they sailed. Most famous of all, perhaps, of these strange heads that were once to be seen at rest in London River was Nanny of the Cutty Sark. Her maker, F. Hellyer, of Blackwall, was one of the leading artists in the trade, and his conception of Burns' witch, "Nanny," her hand reaching out in pursuit of Tam o' Shanter, and her long black hair flying in the wind, was one of the most beautiful of its day.

Robert Scafton was once another frequent visitor to the Surrey Docks: a pompous gentleman, with collar, tie and waistcoat, and coat-tails that flew behind him in the wind. Truly a strange companion for beautiful half-clothed mermaids and heathen goddesses.

A better neighbour for Robert would have been the three-masted schooner, Amy, whose figure-head had all the prim demureness of the traditional mid-Victorian governess. Amy had a lucky squint, as you shall see from this story. Three years ago the schooner was bought by a film company, to provide a thrilling scene for a nautical film. Three times they tried in vain to sink her, but she still most gallantly remained afloat. Old seamen said that the attempt had failed because her figure-head had been removed, making her a haunted ship, and finally the prim little lady, with her flowers and her lucky squint, was put back again. Everything went according to plan—up to a point. The ship caught fire, and the three tons of explosives in her hold did their work—but still she would not sink.

Eventually it took nine rounds of gunfire from a destroyer to put her down, and the figure-head was discovered amongst the floating wreckage, unscathed. Perhaps the most beautiful of all the clippers of the 'sixties was the Norman Court, which after she was first berthed at Milwall was known as the Queen of the Thames. Her figure-head was a beautifully modelled, nymph-like figure representing one of the owner's beautiful

daughters. Another sea-going beauty was Beatrice, the figure-head of a four-masted Swedish barque of that name, who took part in the Grain Race, with the Grace Harwar (another film star), only two years ago.

But what has become of the old figureheads to-day?

Well, the nymph of the Norman Court looks out to sea from a garden in Anglesey; Amy is the property of the film magnate who tried in vain to sink her; while the head and arms of Nanny were washed away years ago, when the little Cutty Sark was giving gallant answer to the Roaring Forties.

Of Robert, alas, I can find no trace. The white-washed figure-heads of many little coasting brigs are to be found in the Kensington antique shop, the owner of which is sometimes spoken of as the "Figure-head Queen."

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Wednesday, April 22.
Clara Jebben, Danish str., 1,445 tons, Capt. J. Davidsen, from Hoihow, Stonecutters Anchorage.—Chin Seng Hong.

Kasagisan Maru, Japanese str., 1,425 tons, Capt. K. Okitsu, from Milke, Yaumati Anchorage.—M.B.K.

Levant Arrow, American str., 4,960 tons, Captain W. F. Douglas, from Los Angeles, Laichikok Anchorage.—Standard Oil Co.

Ouderkerk, Dutch str., 4,911 tons, Captain J. N. Wafelaar, from Manila, buoy No. A8.—J.C.J.L.

Ryuhō Maru, Japanese str., 1,926 tons, Captain O. Ezawa, from Canton, Yaumati Anchorage.—D.K.K.

Song Bo, French str., 720 tons, Capt. Le Chevalier, from Pakhoi, buoy No. A3.—Sing Kee & Co.

Suzanne, Norwegian str., 1,444 tons, Captain J. Meyer, from Chinwangtao, Laichikok Anchorage.—Dodwell & Co.

Wing Wo, Portuguese str., 495 tons, Captain I. D. de Lemos, from K. C. Wan, Salkong Wharf.—Wo Hop & Co.

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Deli Maru, Japanese str., 1,293 tons, Capt. R. Sanada, from Canton, O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K.

Feoshing, British str., 1,423 tons, Capt. S. O. Mitford, from Canton, buoy No. B1.—J. M. & Co.

Grays Harbor, American str., 5,442 tons, Capt. John Dyke, from Kobe, buoy No. A11.—States S.S. Co.

Havdrot, Norwegian str., 713 tons, Captain E. Fingalsen, from Shanghai, Yaumati Anchorage.—K. Larsen & Co.

Ichang, British str., 1,228 tons, Captain J. S. Anderson, from Canton, buoy No. A15.—B. & S.

Klungchow, British str., 1,545 tons, Capt. W. J. Larter, from Canton, buoy No. A5.—B. & S.

Konsan Maru, Japanese str., 1,556 tons, Capt. T. Kotake, from Newchwang, Yaumati Anchorage.—D.K.K.

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Lushan Maru, Japanese str., 1,507 tons, Capt. R. Nagayama, from Swatow, buoy No. B24.—N.Y.K.

Shantung, British str., 1,568 tons, Capt. J. S. G. Brown, from Swatow, buoy No. B3.—B. & S.

Taiyuan, British str., 2,100 tons, Capt. R. Robertson, from Canton, buoy No. B14.—B. & S.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Russia arrived at Yokohama on April 23 (Thurs.) at 2.30 p.m., left Yokohama on April 24 (Fri.) at 8 a.m., and is due at Hong Kong on May 1 (Fri.), a.m. She leaves Hong Kong for Manila on May 1 (Fri.) at 5 p.m.

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With other oils tested the difficulty had been entirely the price which in some cases was three or four times the world figure.

SAFETY AT SEA.

In the House of Commons Mr. W. R. Smith, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade (Norwich), informed Rear-Admiral Beamish (Lewes, U.) that the international conventions affecting shipping awaiting ratification by Britain were those relating to safety of life at sea, load lines, limitation of shipowners' liability, maritime mortgages and liens, and the immunity of State-owned ships. A Bill to give effect to the safety of life at sea convention was introduced in the House of Lords last November, but the President of the Board of Trade was considering the possibility of dealing with that convention and the load line convention in one measure. Legislation would also be necessary to give effect to the remaining three conventions, and it was the Government's intention to introduce legislation relating to the shipowners' liability and mortgages and liens conventions as soon as possible. The immunity of State-owned ships convention required, before legislation could be undertaken, a supplementary agreement which had not yet been signed by the Powers concerned.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—
Bruce—North wall.
Hermes—In Dock.
Marazion—No. 13 buoy.
Moorhen—North wall.
Odin—East wall.
Osiris—North arm.
Oswald—North arm.
Otus—East wall.
Possidon—North arm.
Sandwich—South wall.
Sirdar (on arrival)—West wall.
Somme—South wall.
Foreign Men-of-War.
Adamastor—Portuguese cruiser.
Argus—French gunboat.
Helena—American gunboat.

STEAMER SAFE.

Tokyo, Yesterday.
The Gensan Maru arrived safely at Paramushiro, in the Kurile Islands, yesterday. Everyone on board is safe.—Raqter.
[The Gensan Maru was chartered by the Soviet to carry 412 Russians and 140 Japanese fishermen from Hakodate to Kamchatka. On the trip she was caught in an ice floe on the 14th inst. and was unable to extricate herself. Though her position was precarious it was reported that she was in no immediate danger and provisions on board were plentiful.]

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Empress of Canada	June 20	June 23	June 25	June 27	July 6
Empress of Russia	July 3	July 6	July 9	July 11	July 20
Empress of Japan	July 18	July 21	July 23	July 25	Aug. 5
Empress of Asia	July 31	Aug. 3	Aug. 6	Aug. 8	Aug. 17
Empress of Canada	Aug. 15	Aug. 18	Aug. 20	Aug. 22	Aug. 30
Empress of Russia	Aug. 28	Aug. 31	Sept. 3	Sept. 5	Sept. 14
Empress of Japan	Sept. 12	Sept. 15	Sept. 17	Sept. 19	Sept. 27
Empress of Asia	Sept. 25	Sept. 28	Oct. 1	Oct. 3	Oct. 12
Empress of Canada	Oct. 10	Oct. 13	Oct. 15	Oct. 17	Oct. 25
Empress of Russia	Oct. 23	Oct. 26	Oct. 28	Oct. 31	Nov. 9
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SATURDAY, APRIL 25.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 26.

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MONDAY, APRIL 27.

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OUTWARD MAILS.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24.

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Registration Apr. 25, 9 a.m.
Letters 10 a.m.

Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and Europe via Vancouver, B.C. Empress of Canada (Due Vancouver, B.C., May 14 and Europe via Siberia.)

Parcels Apr. 24, 5 p.m.
Registration Apr. 25, 9.45 a.m.
Letters 10.30 a.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25.

Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island Kamo Maru (Due Thursday Island, May 8.)
Registration Apr. 25, 8.45 a.m.
Letters 9.30 a.m.

Fort Bayard Wing Wo 9 a.m.
Straits Hong Hwa 1.30 p.m.
Manila President Lincoln 2.30 p.m.

Amoy Sul Sang 5 p.m.
Fochow via Swatow Chip Shing 5 p.m.

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OPIUM EVIL.

The League of Nations Opium Commission have submitted important recommendations to headquarters as a result of their extensive examination of the opium-smoking problem in Far Eastern countries more than a year ago, and a perusal of their report is sufficient to convince the reader that the League has taken the question up in a thorough and determined manner, so that the results of their anti-opium campaign should be felt in the Far East within the next few years.

Sincere efforts have been made to combat the opium-smoking habit and the illicit traffic in the drug throughout the Far East. On the whole, however, these efforts have had but few lasting results, owing to the fact that each step taken was isolated and not co-ordinated to any general plan. The opium policy in some countries has had the character of a series of experiments, or a measure has sometimes been adopted in expectation of results that have never materialised from a measure adopted previously. It has proved a bad policy to concentrate on some measures and to ignore others; to combat the illicit traffic but to disregard poppy cultivation, which supplies the traffic; to endeavour to limit the demands for opium but to ignore the causes of that demand; to register smokers but not to ration them; to control the use of opium but not of drugs, or to control opium establishments but to allow opium smoking outside them.

It is essential to make smuggling less profitable. Hitherto one of the principles in the struggle against opium-smoking has been to make it a luxury by selling monopoly-opium at a high price, by which it was hoped to reduce the consumption. This method, however, has to a great extent resulted in diverting the demand from licit to illicit sources, and thereby giving an additional incentive to illicit traffic. Should only one out of several consignments of opium escape the preventive services and reach illicit consumers, the smuggler's profit will in some instances be large enough to compensate him for previous losses and still leave him an ample profit. The policy of attempting to limit the demand for opium and suppress the illicit traffic by high prices for Government opium has had the effect of making smuggling very profitable, and has proved a failure. In view of this Governments should, in co-operation with each other, arrange for the reduction of prices of Government opium to a level sufficiently low to make smuggling unprofitable and incapable of sustaining repeated losses through the efficiency of the preventive services.

If Governments find it necessary to employ private licensed persons for the retail of opium to consumers, even the best efforts to check the spread of the opium-smoking habit and to suppress the illicit traffic in the drug may be, and often are, quite useless. The principle that Governments should have contact with smokers only through Government officials or employees should be applied everywhere as soon as possible, to every transaction connected with the distribution of opium to smokers. The first step in this direction, should be the abolition of all licensed retail shops and their replacement by Government shops managed by employees of the opium monopoly and subject to constant and rigorous inspection by the monopoly itself, as well as by other Government officials in the district. The second step should be the gradual merging of these Government retail shops into Government-owned and Government-managed smoking establishments. Opium should be sold to consumers for cash only, and amendments to this effect should be introduced in the opium legislation wherever it does not already exist. The individual consumption of opium should be under efficient control in order to bring about a gradual suppres-

sion. This could be done by limiting the consumption of individual smokers and by the adoption of measures to prevent the spread of the smoking habit. Methods which have proved practicable are registration pure and simple, registration with licensing, and registration with licensing and rationing. Registration with licensing and rationing means that smokers, in addition to being licensed and registered, are limited in their purchases to individually fixed daily doses. This method has all the advantages of registration with licensing and permits a control of the degree of addiction; it also helps to prevent supplies of legal opium reaching unlicensed smokers and thus tends both to limit individual consumption and to prevent the spread of the habit.

News in Brief.

At a dinner party held by members of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., in the South China Restaurant last night, Mr. Chang Kon-sang, of the Sincere Company, presented the prizes to team captains and workers.

A hawk, Chan So, is alleged to have attempted to end his life when he jumped into the harbour near the Star Ferry Wharf yesterday. He was rescued and later removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

The Hon. Mr. Charles Mellvaine Messer, O.B.E., the Colonial Treasurer, is leaving to-morrow on the s.s. Rajputana, after nearly 34 years' service in the Government. Mr. Messer will retire at the expiration of his leave at Home, and it is understood, will not be returning to Hong Kong.

CORRESPONDENCE.

STABILISATION.

[To the Editor of "China Mail."] Sir,—There is a struggle going on in this Colony at the present moment between legitimate business men and speculators. It is a struggle of life and death, of right and wrong, of business and gambling. On the outcome of this struggle hangs the future welfare of the whole Colony, and it is superfluous to emphasize that no community can exist on gambling basis—particularly a community such as Hong Kong.

With the exception of gamblers in exchange—even they have amongst them some sufferers who do not deserve our pity—people in every walk of life and in business of every kind have suffered terribly because of unstable dollars, and yet the speculators for their own selfish end, persist in arguing for silver standard and ignoring purposely the advantage in stabilization. Their most important and, simultaneously, most foolish argument is that Hong Kong must follow China. This foolish argument was put forward in approximately the same way by speculators in the bygone days when Philippine Islands, the Straits Settlements, Malaya, etc., tried to stabilise their currencies; only they put as a substitute the words "Far East" for the word "China." I need not inform my readers how these various places have been getting along since uncertainty was removed from their currencies. The pity in Hong Kong is that the speculators in its midst are mostly influential people of the community, therefore, their words have more weight. But since the Currency Mission is for impartial investigation, I hope nothing but the prosperity and welfare of the community will be taken into consideration. Right after all is right and must eventually win a hearing. Besides, we have tried silver standard long enough and the result is what it is to-day. It does not pay to stick blindly to it and it is only fair to give gold standard a chance. To say that gold standard will ruin the trade of Hong Kong without even giving it a trial is too cowardly to require any comment. We know one thing, however, which gold standard will ruin, and that is, it will ruin the game of exchange speculation.

Let us remember that the oldest monarchy in the world has to bow to the will of the majority and that its fall has been caused, by men, therefore, let us fight with our mightiest instrument—our pen. Let us not remain passive. Do not let them crucify us on a cross of silver! Do not forget that everything is at stake and that to allow the speculators to win is equivalent to allow ourselves and posterity to be murdered by them. They are ruthless; they are merciless; and we must struggle

APPLES, NOISE, AND SHOES.

Discoveries That Help
British Industry.

FUEL FROM COAL.

All sorts of discoveries, from the production of liquid fuel from coal to the apple with the most vitamins, are revealed in the report of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research.

By treating coal with hydrogen at temperatures of 400 to 500 degrees Centigrade, and at pressures of 200 atmospheres, it is possible to convert a large portion of the coal substances into liquid fuels.

Work at the Fuel Research Station has shown that if the volatile oil products from the original coal substance are led off and condensed, it is possible to obtain a yield of 80 gallons of motor spirit per ton of coal treated.

There seems no reason, it is stated, why yields of motor spirit of 120 to 130 gallons per ton of coal substance treated should not be readily attained.

Patent leather is liable to crack during manufacture.

A machine has now been evolved — and several firms have installed it — which tempers the leather and prevents cracking.

The Cutlery Research Association has designed a new machine for grinding table knife blades at a rate of about 250 dozen blades a week.

One firm states that a girl, after a few months' training, has attained an output of 66 dozen blades a day.

Out of a large number of apples that have been tested, one stands out prominently as possessing a greater content of vitamin C than any other.

This is the well-known English cooking variety, Bramleys seedling.

The measurement of noise in aeroplane cabins during flight proves it to be 1,000 times that in an express train.

The Cast Iron Research Association has introduced a cheap apparatus for testing moulding sands which, if generally used, would result in economies in the use of sand estimated to amount to £100,000 a year.

BURMA REBELS.

TACTICAL USE MADE OF THE ELEPHANT.

It clearly has to be recognised that the rebel activity in the Tharawaddy and Insein districts is again great, says the Rangoon Times. It would also seem that the insurgents are inclined to operate in larger numbers again. If so, that will mean a resumption of pitched battles with the Crown forces.

In an attack on the police outpost at Kimpadi, Insein district, a large body of rebels adopted the classic method of the tactical use of the elephant. They improved upon the incidents by ensuring invulnerability by hanging charms about the animal. The elephant may have escaped, but its riders were shot off his back by the small police garrison, who, in a gallant defence, killed four rebels and wounded many others.

In another affair at the same place the party of Dr. Aiyar, travelling on official duty with an escort, was attacked and he was severely wounded in fighting with rebels. Here again the insurgents were eventually driven off. In another part, the Punjabis engaged rebels and killed 22 without themselves sustaining a casualty.

It is reported that the authorities have placed upon the line in the affected area another armoured train. There are now two trains in military use. Meanwhile, while the rebels are apparently showing open boldness again, sporadic acts of robbery and violence continue.

THEFTS FROM A CHURCH.

William Edwin Reid, labourer, was sent to prison for three months at Leicester recently for stealing two statues from St. Stephen's Church. It was stated that there had been a lot of thefts from Leicester churches lately.

The verger said that when he spoke to Reid, the latter replied: "Drill has been my ruin. I am an ex-officer and a lawyer."

with them with all our might or be crushed for ever! The most critical moment has arrived and let all unselfish citizens of Hong Kong do their duty for the future prosperity of Hong Kong by stamping out gambling in exchange once for all. Yours, etc., L. S. C.

Hong Kong, April 23.

READING MURDER MYSTERY.

Visit to Broadmoor Asylum.

POLICE ON NEW LINE.

Scotland Yard officers have opened a new line of inquiry into the murder of Mr. Alfred Oliver, the tobaccoist, who was found dead in his shop in Cross Street, Reading, on June 22, 1929.

Chief Inspector Berrett and Detective Sergeant Harris, who have been in constant investigation of the crime since it was committed, have just returned to London from a visit to Reading, and it is understood that they have taken a long statement from an inmate of Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum. They then had a prolonged conference with Mr. T. A. Burrows, Chief Constable of Reading, before returning to London.

Any developments will be made known as soon as the officers concerned have discussed the new evidence.

This is the second time that long apparent inactivity has been followed by sudden inquiries into one of the most baffling of recent murder mysteries. Fresh interviews exactly a year ago failed to produce any tangible clues to the identity of the murderer.

Fatal Injuries.

Mr. Oliver, who was 55 years of age, was found with fatal head injuries lying on the floor of his shop. He died the following day, and ceaseless inquiries have failed to trace a single clue of any real value.

The inquest was opened by Mr. J. L. Martin, the Reading Coroner, on June 25, and was adjourned until October 2 in order to allow Scotland Yard officers to pursue their inquiries. Such slender clues as were provided by cheques and coins were duly examined, statements were taken in places as far separated as Nottingham and St. Albans, and Mr. Philip Yale Drew, an American actor who was appearing at Reading at the time of the murder, was interrogated more than once.

Mr. Drew was the centre of considerable interest at the resumed inquest. Remarkable evidence was given, in which witnesses alleged that they had seen him behaving in a peculiar manner near the scene and about the time of the murder.

Verdict Cheered. Public interest in one of the most remarkable inquiries ever held grew daily; and there were scenes of wild enthusiasm in the Reading streets when on the eighth day the jury returned a verdict of "Wilful murder against some person or persons unknown." Mr. Drew was cheered repeatedly as he left the court.

Clue after clue and letter after letter have reached the police since the inquest, but the mystery has never come within measurable distance of solution. Chief Inspector Berrett and Detective Sergeant Harris have never lost touch with the thread of inquiries, but as time went on the case was placed on the long list of "unsolved murders."

Considerable difficulties attached to the inquiries owing to the presence of hundreds of strangers in Reading during the race week in which the murder was committed.

Detective Inspector Walters, who was due to retire in June, 1930, was allowed to extend his service in order to assist in the investigations.

A Glasgow resident was charged at the Central Police Court, Glasgow, in October, 1929, on his own confession of guilt, but was finally discharged.

ALLEGED BIGAMY.

MAN SAID TO HAVE A WIFE IN CALCUTTA.

John Thompson, aged 28, schoolmaster, was remanded at Bow Street recently on a charge of bigamy at Calcutta. Detective-Inspector Warner said he saw Thompson at a London hotel and told him that he had a provisional warrant for his arrest. Thompson replied: "I expected you at the boat. I tried to get a divorce but she would not divorce me."

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of April 24, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/4. Hong Kong Row Scouts celebrated St. George's Day with a grand muster and a march past the flag at Lamu Island under the leadership of Colonel Bowen, the Commissioner. The newly-formed troop from the Filla Kadoorie School was present.

GENERAL MUSEUM FOR LONDON.

Abundant Materials at Hand.

ORIENTAL ART.

Lord Willington and Lord D'Abernon write to a Home paper.

We have read with great interest the letters signed by Lord Zetland, Sir Francis Youngblood, and Colonel K. N. Haksar which recently appeared in The Times on the subject of a Central Museum for Asiatic Art in London. We think it opportune to recall that the project of an Oriental Museum was carefully considered by the recent Royal Commission on National Museums and Galleries, and that it was included among those future developments in the national museums service which the Commission hoped might be realized in time with the assistance of public benefactors. The Commission pointed out that the materials for such a museum both in the British Museum and in the Victoria and Albert Museum were extremely rich, and they crystallized the need for such an institution in the words of Mr. D. S. MacColl:—

"The British Empire is blind in the Far East if it does not study the cultures and arts of China and Japan, of Persia and its own India."

They proceeded to suggest that if the establishment of a separate Museum of Oriental Antiquities were beyond the range of immediate practical politics the formation of a Department of Far Eastern Antiquities at the British Museum might be a stepping stone to the larger scheme.

Culture of Eastern Nations. Since the publication of this part of the Commission's Report in October, 1929, we are glad to observe that the need for a Museum of Oriental Art has received emphasis both directly and indirectly. The striking article contributed by Dr. Kummel, Keeper of the Asiatic Collections in Berlin, to the Museums Journal for February on the immense wealth and significance of the Oriental collections in London and the vital need for their proper display, the conversa-



Cop: "Shall I open the door, sir? You seem to be in difficulties."

Drunk: "Not in difficulties yet, but soon as the door opens I will be."—Bulletin, Sydney.

tions which we understand are taking place in circles interested in Oriental culture, and the interest shown in the Persian Exhibition at Burlington House, indicate how widespread and how sincere is the desire for a sympathetic understanding of the contribution to the culture of the civilized world made by the Eastern nations.

In these circumstances, perhaps it may not be too much to hope that the realization of a Central Oriental Museum may be accomplished sooner than seemed probable at the time when the Royal Commission reported. It may be said that the universal financial depression is not favourable to such a development. On the other hand we believe that it is essential to be prepared with a definite scheme, and that the more far-sighted the scheme is the more likely it is to fire the imagination of generous citizens. For upon assistance from such a quarter the creation of the museum will primarily depend.

In order to make use of existing resources such as London possesses in unparalleled abundance and quality, it would seem necessary that a new and separate building should be erected, if possible in the neighbourhood of Bloomsbury. In this building might be combined the Oriental collections in the British Museum, the Victoria and Albert Museum, and the Indian Museum. The relief to the congestion at South Kensington as well as Bloomsbury would be immense and welcomed, we imagine, on all sides. The whole resources of London in material and in management, could thus be pooled. The result would be the most splendid museum of its kind in the world, built on modern lines, with lecture theatre and study collections as well as exhibition galleries.

We hope that private initiative and generosity, and the collaboration of the museum authorities with the Standing Commission on Museums which the Government direct the efforts of those who have recently appointed will accelerate the realization of this

YOUNG GERMANY IN TRAINING.

The Cult of Physical Fitness.

Walking sedately between the pine trees of the Grunewald is a comfortable, portly gentleman, with the traditional dachshund trotting behind, a cigar in his mouth, a stick in his hand; by his side is a largely comfortable companion proclaiming in all her person the good and sober hausfrau, says the Berlin correspondent of the London Morning Post.

One can see such pairs by the dozen on a fine Sunday in the country of woods and lakes that lies only ten minutes by train outside Berlin. These are people whose youth was spent in pre-war Germany; the War swept over them, but they have not changed.

Then, suddenly, there comes a clattering of feet on the frozen ground, and one catches a fleeting glimpse of a very different type of German. There are girls clothed in blue flannel trousers, flushed, panting but resolute, resolutely "training," determinedly keeping fit on the one day allowed them from the drudgery of the office or the shop.

Young men and women run by in squads or alone between the ice-hung pines, along by the frozen lakes. This is the new Germany—the Germany that concentrates first and foremost on keeping fit.

One sees the same impulse everywhere working in its different modes of expression—the impulse towards physical perfection. After working hours, every evening the huge "Wellenbad" (Berlin's swimming bath with artificial waves) is filled with young Berliners, not only diving, swimming, battling with the artificial breakers, but on the spacious terraces raised above the water, practising gymnastics, boxing, ju-jitsu. One is reminded of the Spartan palaestra.

On the Cider Track. Or, walking in a Berlin park one will invariably come on one of the great, round enclosures, the stadiums, where numbers of men and girls are running round the cider track, practising pole-jumping, putting the weight, hurdling. Practically every clerk and typist belongs to some physical training club and attends it at least once a week.

Winter and Summer, indoors and out, the thing goes on—something outside the experience of the elderly gentleman strolling with his dog and wife in the Grunewald. Thoroughly, seriously, with his whole concentration, the young German is devoting himself to the cult of the body. This is something connected with and yet apart from the growing popularity of all kinds of games—it is a physical manifestation, perhaps, of the spirit of post-war Germany. Science and method have been directed towards a new ideal—physical fitness, hardiness, health.

Disentangle Existing Resources. Commenting upon the proposal The Times says:

"The formation of a Museum of East Asiatic Art does not mean making a fresh start or embarking upon a large number of expensive acquisitions; it means rather the assembling and arranging in proper and illuminating order of existing resources."

The primary object and effect of the proposed Museum would be to disentangle these existing resources—such as the Stein Collection and the Oriental section of the Department of Prints and Drawings, including the noble Chinese frescoes presented by Mr. George Eumorfopoulos—from the false relations established by earlier systems of classification. It would display them in such a way as to illustrate the fundamental unity of all Eastern Art and the individual cultures of contributing peoples. Of the resulting advantages it is hardly necessary to speak. We should have first of all, as one correspondent in The Times has observed, "the surest means of understanding the spirit and the general outlook on life of the Eastern races;" secondly, a survey of Oriental Art that could not be equalled anywhere else in the world; thirdly, an opportunity, such as we have not had before, for a broad comparison between Eastern and Western Art, and for new light upon their contributions to each other and to civilization as a whole; and lastly, the richest possible field of decorative examples for our commercial designers. For the preparation of an adequate scheme the new Standing Commission on Museums and Galleries would provide the right machinery, and its terms of reference, particularly its mission to "stimulate the generosity and liberality of the public," would direct the efforts of those who have recently appointed will accelerate the realization of this

85—AND HE STILL PLAYS "SQUASH."

A Talk with London's Electricity Pioneer.

FOUGHT IN CRIMEA.

Colonel Crompton, a pioneer electrician to whom London owes her electric lighting system, is 85. And he still plays squash every day.

His career has been almost incredibly romantic. When he was eleven, he went to the Crimea as a naval cadet.

He visited his brother in the trenches before Sebastopol, and was awarded the Crimean Medal before his twelfth birthday.

When he left the Army he entered business. His first big contract was lighting the Law Courts.

"When my firm started making electrical equipment in 1877," Colonel Crompton told the Evening News, "we began the electrical industry."

"Soon my firm was lighting private houses. I installed electric light in the houses of W. S. Gilbert of Gilbert and Sullivan, Lord Randolph Churchill, Sir William Crookes, and in my own."

Then I received an order from Shaw Lefever, the Chief Officer of Works, to light the new Law Courts in the Strand. We put in 2,000 lamps.

"We then thought it would be a good thing to light private houses generally, as the gas people had done. We applied for a Bill to break up the streets to lay the mains everywhere."

"It was then that Joseph Chamberlain, believing that everything should be done by municipal enterprise, got through a Government Bill that prevented our having more than twenty-one years' tenure."

"After that time everything had to be handed over to the authorities. Of course no financier would find the money in these circumstances."

"I was compelled to go abroad for business, and I put electric lights into all the theatres in Vienna."

'CHEERIO, MY LORD.'

SENTENCED WOMAN'S FAREWELL.

Sentence of five years' penal servitude was passed by Judge Gregory, K.C., at the Old Bailey on Mary Thompson, aged thirty-six, a cook, who pleaded guilty to stealing and receiving jewellery from a house at Twickenham, where she had been engaged as a servant.

Jessie Amelia Sharpe Coates, aged thirty-five, found guilty of receiving, was sentenced to six months' hard labour.

Coates, on being sentenced, exclaimed, "Thank you, my lord, that is not so bad. I was expecting three years."

She said, turning to the newspaper representatives, "Describe me as a beautiful blonde, won't you," and added, "Good morning, my lord. Cheerio."

Coates, addressing the jury, said that she was not afraid of prison, as it was a wonderful institution for any one who had sinned against society. She also declared that she was the sister of a Sheffield councillor and the youngest of eleven children. She had been to prison for libel, but it was an unjust conviction, on the evidence of an ex-convict, who had been in jail fifteen years.

"I know the detectives from Leeds who have given evidence against me here," she added. "I always give them a straight answer, because I call a spade a spade. I am a Yorkshire woman."

She also declared that when she was arrested the detectives had a "real good feed of boiled rabbit, wine, almonds and fruit." Afterwards they had a good laugh and a chat.

This statement was denied by the detectives concerned.

GLIDER NOSE DIVES.

Well-Known Flyer's Fatal Accident.

While taking a flight in his glider at Faulkner's End, Harpenden, Herts, Mr. Thomas Easton Lander was killed.

Mr. Lander, who lived at the Old Rectory, Harpenden, was one of the best-known gliders in the South of Britain.

He had not long taken off, but had reached a fair height when the machine made a nose dive and crashed. Mr. Lander was killed almost instantly.

Many of his friends were watching him when the accident happened. Mr. Lander spent nearly every week-end practising gliding. This is the first fatal gliding accident in Britain.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel; Dinner Dances at Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels and Hotel Cecil.

To-morrow—University Graduates' Association Dinner, Lane Crawford's, 8.30 p.m.

Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre; "Tom Sawyer."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Whoopie."

To-day—Central Theatre; "The Boudoir Diplomat."

To-day—Majestic Theatre; "Career."

To-day—World Theatre; "Hwang Tien Poh," (Chinese pictures).

Lammert's Auctions.

To-morrow—At Station Hotel, Kowloon, household furniture, 11.30 a.m.

Monday—At 4, Humphrey's Building, Kowloon, household furniture, 10.30 a.m.

Tuesday—At 39, Humphrey's Building, Kowloon, household furniture, 10.30 a.m.

Wednesday—At 5A, Luna Building, household furniture, 10.30 a.m.

Home Mails.

To-day—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Rajputana).

To-morrow—Outward for Europe via Marseilles (Rajputana), 10.30 a.m.; for Europe via Siberia (Empress of Canada), 10 a.m.

Meeting.

Monday—Court of University, 5.15 p.m.

Sports.

See Sports Diary on Page 9.

FAMOUS ICE WORM MYTH.

Man Who Made All the U.S. Laugh.

Readers of American newspapers have, for more than three decades, been chuckling and raging over E. J. ("Stroller") White's trenchant editorials, and laughing at his humour, says the New York correspondent of the Daily Express. He is the doyen of Alaska editors—this kindly, tolerant, whimsical man.

At a time when thousands were flocking to the Klondyke, young Stroller White, penniless, but serenely hopeful, went from Skagway, Alaska, to Dawson, looking not for gold, but for a newspaper job.

He arrived in the booming gold town one bitterly cold day in 1898, on foot and hauling a wobbling little hand sledge on which sat his girl wife and baby daughter.

"They and my lead pencil constituted my total equipment," he said, "but I soon landed a job on Dawson's largest daily—the Klondyke Nugget."

"I was a combination city editor and reporter. In those days, at the height of the Klondyke rush, imagination was the most important part of an editor's equipment."

Furious Rivalry.

"During my first winter the rivalry between the three Dawson dailies was furious. To make matters worse, the telegraph line refused to function for two months, and every road in the country was snowed under."

"News was scarce, and our rivals—well, the way those fellows drew on their imaginations was a sin!"

"One day the owner of the Nugget got bound into the office."

"What d'you mean by letting this paper go to the dogs?" he roared. "Subscriptions are falling off. If you want to stay on my payroll, get out of here and grab a story that will be talked about from the aurora borealis to the South-east Cross!"

"We took one look at him and printed out into the sixty below zero fog."

Stroller White returned with a masterpiece. When it appeared in the Nugget, it created a sensation.

It was a carefully worded descriptive article on the prevailing cold spell.

The Stroller asserted in his characteristic Mark Twain style that as a consequence of this temperature there had been a heavy fall of blue snow, and the ice-worms in adjacent glaciers had come to the surface to bask in the unusual rigidity.

"It seems incredible that practically the whole town accepted my little burlesque as gospel truth! But they did," Stroller White chuckled.

The Nugget office was besieged by eager questioners. It did no good for me to assure them that blue snow and ice-worms had no existence outside my imagination. They insisted on details.

Apologies.

Finally, in order that I might have peace, I wrote another article in the same vein, describing the

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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"He produced a little hatchet, chipped off a corner, and exposed the ends of a number of worms."

"With a pair of silver tongs he delicately drew one out—it was six inches long—and after dangling it ostentatiously for the benefit of the gaping crowd, dropped it into a long glass, into which he poured brandy."

"The bartender leaned apologetically towards me. 'Say, Stroller,' he whispered out of the corner of his mouth, 'we couldn't get any of the real thing, so we faked 'em by poking spaghetti through gimlet holes and letting it swell. But don't tell any of the boys the difference!'"

Yukoners were not the only people who took the ice worm seriously.

Even to-day the more or less credulous tourist in Alaska is buying picture postcards on which a bearded miner is shown pulling ice worms from a glacier.

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The gigantic "Stadion," built by the municipality in the Prater for the purposes of sport, is nearing its completion.

The construction of its second part, a huge place for family bathing, was started in the middle of March and will be finished in July, for the "Workmen's Olympiade." There will be four open baths, the largest, where the competitions will be held, measuring 300 ft. by 60 ft. The second bath will have a jumping tower—30 ft. high. The third "bassin" will be for non-swimmers, and the fourth for small children. Three thousand persons will be able to bathe simultaneously and spend three hours in the water at a very low rate. Since the Summers are very hot in this city, and the Viennese are great bathers, the new place will prove a boon. There will also be night bathing in electric light.

The four baths will be surrounded by an iron tribune for 4,000 spectators. A large buffet and cafe are to complete the arrangements.

SUNDAY NEWSPAPERS.

Lord's Day Observance Act of 1876.

The Houghton Press, Ltd., proprietors of the Sunday Sportsman newspaper, Aldwych, W.C., claimed £12 for advertisements for the National Stores, Ltd., Hill Place, Oxford Circus, W., at Westminster County Court recently. The Lord's Day Observance Act, 1876, was pleaded as a defence.

Mr. S. L. Elborne, barrister, for the plaintiffs, contended that since the Sunday paper could be published and bought on Saturday, and was obtainable on Monday, there could be nothing illegal about the transaction.

Judge Turner, quoted from the Act, the passage: "No one shall publicly cry, show, forth, or expose to sale, adding that the goods so exposed could be forfeited."

"That raises another question," he remarked, "whether any person can, in order to prevent a breach of the Statute, walk away with one's Sunday newspaper. That seems quite possible within the purview of this Act."

Judgment was given for plaintiffs, with costs, as stay being granted on terms, as the case involved an important point of law.

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Kid Berg Seeks World's Light-Weight Title.

WORTH THOUSANDS.

Chicago, Yesterday. Britain's chance of regaining her lost boxing laurels comes at 4.30 a.m. (British Summer time) on Saturday, when the ex-White-chapel cabinetmaker's apprentice, Kid Berg, once employed at five shillings a week, fights Tony Canzoneri for the world's light weight title at the Chicago Stadium.

Kid Berg is only waiting to win the title as a justification for getting married to pretty Eleanor Kraus, the daughter of a millionaire New York silk merchant. He has already beaten Canzoneri on January 17 last year, and is now a 7-5 favourite.

Berg returned from his last American tour on January 24 wealthier by £13,000. Already he has earned thousands on his present tour and receives £2,000 from to-morrow's fight. Canzoneri receives £10,000, or £1,000 per round. Both have concluded their training. Berg is in a very snappy condition. "Boy, how I'm going to fight," he said. Canzoneri sustained a slight cut to his right eye during his training and appears to be worried.—Reuter's American Service.

FOUL BLOWS LEGAL IN AMERICA.

Fruitless Efforts for Elimination.

TECHNICAL K.O.

New York, April 9. Although the New York State Athletic Commission gives full credit to New York's no foul rule for eliminating boxing's fouling evil, other organisations have been slow to accept the rule.

The National Boxing Association, representing 33 States and affiliated with several foreign organisations, still recognises fouls as such and does not plan to legalise low blows. Under the N.B.A. rules offending boxers forfeit their full purse in event of fouls and the winner on a foul accepts pro rata pay for the number of rounds fought.

The International Boxing Union, representing European countries, recently considered the New York rule but voted to retain existing rules as to prohibited territory.

Under New York's rule a boxer hitting a low blow loses the round in which the blow is struck, but in the event of the victim of a low blow being unable to continue, the offending boxer is given the decision on a technical knock-out!

Nick Testa, Troy middleweight, was the first victim of the rule when he was struck palpably low by Vittorio Livan in a bout at Madison Square Garden and was unable to continue. He was counted out as he sat writhing in his corner and Livan was declared winner.

LATEST HOME RUGBY RESULTS.

Cardiff Triumph Over Coventry.

BARBARIANS WIN.

London, April 6. The following were the results of to-day's Rugby Union game. Birkenhead P.—Waterloo 6-24. Manchester—North of Ireland 3-21.

Neath—Brighton 20-3. Newport—Pontypool 3-5. Liverpool—Rosslyn Park 10-13. London, April 7. Bath—Northampton 6-5. Cardiff—Coventry 27-3. Newport—Barbarians 9-18.

Our bowlers are not the chicken-hearted men that those who suggest they lose heart on good wickets would seem to think. Sheer bowling ability does not need the artificial aids which deliberately imperfect wickets would be calculated to provide; it can fight its own battles and win through. It can bowl well on the good ones, and gains its own reward in proper proportion when the weather or some other influence sends a bad wicket for its temporary assistance.—P. G. H. Fender.

Some spectators are so engrossed in the game that they are actually playing the ball mentally as they watch, and occasionally the man in front knows all about it.—Alec Jackson.

MONACO'S ANNUAL FLUTTER.

Concede Singles Games to Britain.

PERRY'S DEBUT.

London, Yesterday. Monaco's annual flutter in the Davis Cup will this year be short-lived, judging on to-day's form.

The British team, for whom S. J. Perry, the son of the Labour member of Parliament for Kettering, won the first two singles matches in straight sets. Perry graduated as the British lawn tennis "hope" through his prowess at Ping Pong. He is at present the holder of the Ping Pong championship of the world.

In the Davis Cup to-day at Plymouth he made his first appearance and justified his inclusion by defeating Gallepe (Monaco) by 6-3, 6-2, 7-5. H. W. Austin beat Landau 6-0, 6-0, 6-1. It must, however, be said in fairness to Landau that he came on the court immediately after leaving the dentist's chair in which he had a tooth extracted.—Reuter.

CONSCIENCE OF A GOLFER.

To develop a conscience in middle life is an uncomfortable experience, especially when there appears to be no way of quieting it.

My garden gate opens close by one of the greens of a popular golf course. Sometimes approach shots come into the garden. Once a ball actually struck the house, which is at least a hundred yards from the fairway. Seeing that the length of the hole is only a decent drive and a three-quarter mashie, it has puzzled me ever since to decide what club the player can have used.

When the family are at home all is well. The mistress of the house only objects to golfers in the garden when they begin to bang about in her shrubberies with a niblick. But the family are not always in; it is not easy from the fairway to see what becomes of balls that fly over the green; and then the golfer moves on to the next tee, sadly taking the paper off another new ball.

Ursula, our Cairn terrier, has a genius for finding lost golf balls—thrift and the instinct for the game that are part of her Scottish ancestry. Returning from a walk she knows intuitively when there is a ball in the garden, and noses it out at once. Often, too, she digs up other treasures in the rough along the course. Cat balls she seems to despise. Those she retrieves are always fresh. She lays the balls at the feet of her mistress, who passes them over to me. Thus beguiled by two feminine creatures, I put the balls in my bag. And then that newly-awakened conscience begins to work.

A "Fence." It is not only that, on strictly moral grounds, I am, at the moment, a receiver of at least 12s. 6d. worth of stolen property. The fact that as a golfer I rank among the humbler "rabbits" makes me feel the more guilty. Nothing is more disconcerting than to lose a ball. It puts me off for at least three holes. "Tigers," of course, never lose balls.

So all the owners of the balls in my bag must have been "rabbits," and were, no doubt, put off by the loss and perhaps never recovered their form, but ended the day miserably, and went home and beat their wives.

Yet what is to be done? In any fine week-end hundreds of golfers pass our house. Even if I could identify the owners of the balls found in our garden, what can I do about the others which Ursula has snuffed out elsewhere? I have heard vaguely of some rule, or understanding, that golf balls, when picked up, should be given to the caddy master. But why should he have them more than I? He does not labour to support Ursula in bones and biscuits. And with golf balls at half a crown apiece! Such excellent balls, too! writes O. M. Green in the Daily Telegraph.

I have tried the desperate expedient of going out to play without a caddy—in which case I can usually rely on losing one or two balls—with the superstitious hope that the rightful owners might light upon them and so relieve my conscience.

But Ursula merely dug the balls up again—with one or two additions.

Harvey has the boxing ability, he has the punch; and he is a man of remarkable strength. He must make the most of these assets in a bid for a swift knock-out, for that, I think, is the only kind of victory which will enable him to realise his ambition.—Geoffrey Simpson.

THE POPULARITY OF BADMINTON.

Game for England's Fittest.

CANADIAN'S DEBUT.

The Royal Horticultural Hall is the hall of ten thousand smacks—ten thousand smacks an hour for thirteen hours a day.

It does not matter, writes a Daily Express representative, what time you go into the hall between ten o'clock in the morning and eleven o'clock at night you are certain to hear a smack, then another smack, and still more smacks.

The stars of badminton are fighting their battles in the All-England championships.

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Evans, the shuttlecock "king," appears magically with a fresh load of shuttlecocks every time new players arrive.

He has a thousand shuttlecocks to his credit for the tournaments, and by the time the finals are played out he may have less than a score left.

Badminton is the game of the fit, and the Horticultural Hall is the home of England's fittest men and women.

The Canadian champion, J. E. Purcell, made his debut during the morning. He had influenza on the way to England, this did not seem to trouble him—not even the shuttlecocks which were not quite like the kind he uses in Toronto affected his game.

He just looked at the crowd—and smiled. Then he looked at his opponent—and smiled again, and away went his shuttlecock. Purcell was in play!

Almost as soon as Purcell's opponent had returned the shuttlecock across the top of the net it was back again. "What a stroke!" whispered a man beside me—the only time he had spoken in three hours.

It was all over in a few minutes. Purcell had won his first game in England, and his opponent slipped away with just one ace to his credit in the two sets.

Purcell came on the courts again in the afternoon. This time he was in the mixed doubles. The biggest crowd of the day watched his play. It was quite as brilliant as in the singles, but his side lost. All he said when the game ended was that the "better team work on the other side" beat him. A fine sportsman!

GOLF.

STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY.

The Secretary of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club supplies the following list of starting times for Fanning on Sunday:—

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| 9.20 a.m. | J. K. MacFarlan, A. H. Ferguson. |
| 9.24 | V. R. Gordon, A. H. Penn. |
| 9.28 | D. L. Prophet, A. Sommerfelt. |
| 9.32 | R. H. Griffith, E. B. Gammell. |
| 9.36 | O. Eager, W. A. Butterfield. |
| 9.40 | E. P. Fletcher, F. C. Young. |
| 9.44 | P. S. Grant, J. E. Richardson. |
| 9.48 | R. R. Davies, J. Forbes. |
| 9.52 | F. A. Redmond, D. J. Gilmore. |
| 9.56 | C. Mycock, J. S. Dykes. |
| 10.00 | L. R. Vallance, H. S. V. Mossop. |
| 10.04 | W. C. Shields, A. D. Humphreys. |
| 10.08 | Comdr. Prestley, E. D. Matthews. |
| 10.12 | J. B. Lanyon, J. R. Collis. |
| 10.16 | A. R. Cox, A. Webster. |
| 10.20 | D. G. Bruce, D. Forbes. |
| 10.24 | J. A. R. Selby, D. S. Robb. |
| 10.28 | R. Ritchie, A. Leach. |
| 10.32 | J. M. Walker, I. W. Shewan. |
| 10.36 | J. H. Ralke, S. J. H. Fox. |
| 10.40 | A. C. I. Bowker, W. Wright. |
| 10.44 | A. B. Purves, K. S. Robertson. |

Boxing and other major sports develop guts, and that's one of the most important things in our make-up. They provide a means for letting off steam, and if people haven't that outlet they'll revert to something much worse. The race will develop a yellow streak.—The Rev. Kelly in the Toronto Globe.

I know that John Olliff, Nigel Sharpe, and H. K. Lester have been placed above Perry on the L.T.A.'s ranking list, but the men who drew up the list, I feel, certainly would hesitate to back Olliff, Sharpe, or Lester to beat Perry in a five-set match.—H. R. MacDonald.

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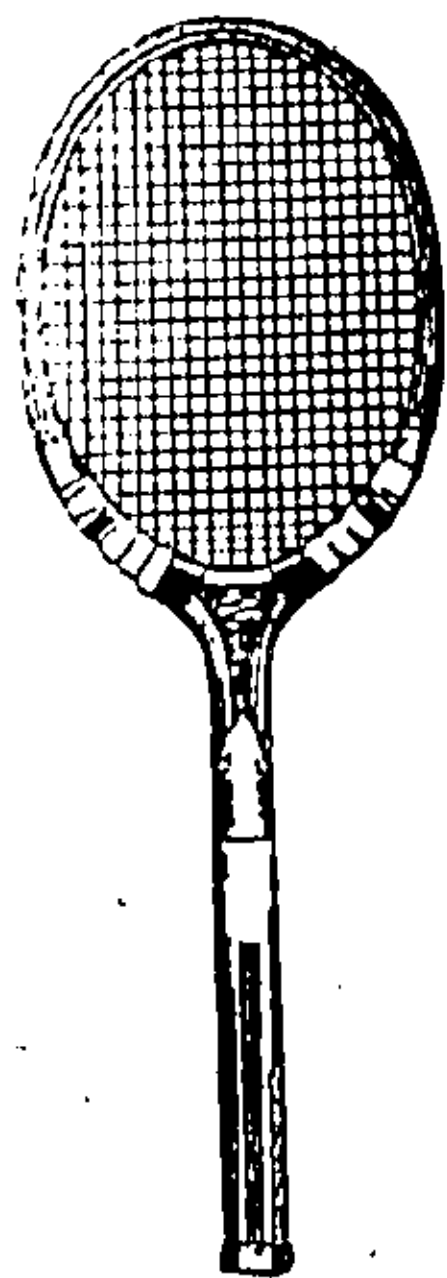
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VARIOUS GOLFERS' GRIPS.

Are Big Hands
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OVERLAPPING GRIP.

I sometimes think that one of the most difficult things in life is to induce the average golfer to hold the club properly. He has an in-born tendency to rebel against the overlapping finger-grip; which is adopted by all the leading golfers in the world with the exception of Cyril Tolley and Abe Mitchell.

At the same time there must be some reason why the nameless legion who never cease to hope for improvement chafe when the instructor insists that they shall persevere with the overlapping grip. One of this deathless army vowed to me the other day that he would go on with it no longer.

"The fact of the matter is," he protested, "that champions have one feature in common. They all have big hands. Overlapping the fingers and thumbs may be the ideal way of holding the club, but you can't do it comfortably unless your hands are big. The man who said that it takes a head to play golf wasn't a close observer. Large hands are worth more than a dozen clever heads. It's as much as I can do to grip the club in my palms with the fingers round the shaft; they're not long enough for overlapping. So I'm not going to bother any more about the examples of champions and their disciples."

For and Against.

It is possible that there is a little too much insistence on orthodoxy in the matter of golfing methods, and that the overlapping grip, to take an example, is not necessarily suited to everybody. It truly does seem to be particularly adapted to people with large and fleshy hands.

Bobby Jones is blessed with this disposition, and he proclaims overlapping as unmistakably the best way of holding the club. J. H. Taylor and I are equally favoured. Walter Hagen has a most capacious and chubby handshake, which reveals him instantly as a player born to utilise the overlapping principle.

Nevertheless, there are instances which suggest that this physical trait is not indispensable to the system. R. H. Wethered has made a considerable success of it, and his hands, certainly are not abnormal. So has George Duncan, who once told me in reply to my inquiry that he takes his in gloves. That is not an outside.

I dare say that a good many people who try overlapping fail at it because their clubs are ill-adapted to the purpose. That is to say, the handles are too thick. Even of the large-handed champions, the only one I ever knew who used clubs with thick grips was myself.

Size of Hands.

My friend who protested against the exaltation of overlapping to its present glory as the only correct and classic way of holding the club, asked how many well-known women golfers find it tolerable, let alone helpful. He considered it a good point bearing on the question as to the size of the hands, for men are usually the more generously endowed in this matter.

The answer is that very few women players practise the overlapping grip. So far as I know, its only votaries among winners of the British women's open championships, prior to Miss Diana Fishwick, this year, have been Miss Joyce Wethered and Miss Simone de la Chaume. The latter certainly affords a striking tribute to its possibilities, for she is very small, with hands in proportion.

Miss Wethered is of altogether bigger physique, but her hands are certainly no more than normal, although they appear to possess those elements of strength and suppleness which are marked in all successful votaries of the overlapping grip.

The Right to Choose.

So perhaps it is true that the golfer is justified in examining his hands before he submits himself to the trials and disappointments which are inevitable for a long

YACHTING.

RESULT OF FIRST MID-WEEK RACE.

The first mid-week yacht race, for the "H", "Y", and "G" Classes, was sailed yesterday, over the following course:—Channel Rocks (P), Kowloon Rock (P), Mark on Line (S), Rumsey Shoal (S), a distance of 5.30 miles. The contest commenced at 5.40 p.m. and resulted as follows:—

"H" Class.

None started.

"Y", "Y" and "G" Classes.

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Bluejacket, Mr. E. B. Lambert 1
Speedwell, Major P. S. Stewart 6
Adams, Commodore Walker 2
Daphne, Lt. Col. W. N. Stokes 3
Ailsa, Lt. R. M. Anstruther 5
Jessamine, Pay Lt. Petro D.N.S.

FOOTBALL.

KOWLOON ELEVEN FOR TO-MORROW.

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon Football Club against the South Wales Borderers on the Kowloon ground to-morrow at 4.30 p.m.:—

Angus, Martin, Downman; Hedley, McKelvie, Caplin; Pile, Dominy, Gillett, Grimwood, and Janson.

Reserves: Simpson, Eastman, Gilchrist and Williams.

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.

LAWN TENNIS—To-day—H.K.C.C. Championship Singles Semi-Final—S. A. Rumjahn v. C. A. L. Rumjahn.

CHESS—To-day—Kowloon Chess Club Junior Championship.

FOOTBALL—To-morrow—First Division—Borderers v. Kowloon; Recreation v. Argylls; St. Joseph's v. South China; Police v. Navy.

LAWN BOWLS—May 2—Opening of League Season.
May 3—Entries close for Open Singles Championship.

HOME.

FOOTBALL—To-morrow—English Cup Final, Wembley.

GOLF—Last Day—English Amateur Championship.
To-morrow and Sunday—Professional Tournament, Torquay.
Monday—Army Championship, Sandwich.

RACING—Wednesday—Two Thousand Guineas.

while when he tries to change his old way of holding the club in favour of the accredited method of champions.

As every student of the game is doubtless aware, this method demands that the right thumb shall rest on the left thumb; that the little finger of the right hand shall repose on the forefinger of the left; and that the remaining fingers shall provide the real grip of the club—almost entirely a light finger-grip.

Jones says that you must not pinch or squeeze the club, but just hold it without tension. The muscular effort will come at the impact. This is true, but it may seem that to place one thumb over the other, and one finger over another, the player must possess capacious hands; otherwise he is likely to suffer a sense of straining for effect, writes Harry Vardon in the Sports Dispatch.

That is precisely why a great many amateurs, after trying the overlapping method, go back to the principle of holding the club in the palm of the right hand, and placing the left in a position which will enable the two to work as nearly as possible together without creating a feeling of discomfort.

But mastery with the overlapping grip is not to be gained without perseverance. Once mastered, I am certain that it is unequalled in promoting efficiency.

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On demand	65%
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On demand	42%
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On demand	47%
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Brussels	34.95 1/2
Geneva	25.23
Amsterdam	12.09 1/2
Milan	92.82 1/2
Berlin	20.40 1/2
Stockholm	18.14 1/2
Copenhagen	18.16 1/2
Oslo	18.16 1/2
Vienna	34.56 1/2
Prague	164 1/2
Helsingfors	193 1/2
Madrid	48.85
Athens	365
Lisbon	108.25
Bucharest	417
Rio	3%
Buenos Aires	36%
Montevideo	32%
Bombay	1/5 13/16
Shanghai	1/3
Hong Kong	11%
Yokohama	2/— 13/32
Silver Spot	18 5/16
Silver Forward	13%

—British Wireless Service.

To my mind, however, the greatest cue-man is the player whose game cannot be made to suffer by any alteration in the rules which govern the game.—Riso Levi.

There is no faking in football, either as to draws or results. It is frequently said that ties are drawn by prearrangement for the sake of another "gate."—Peter McWilliam.

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Chartered Bank		15				[Final 25 cents] Mar. 31
Mercantile Bk., A.B.		24				[Final 25 cents] Apr. 31
" C. "		191				[Final 25 cents] Apr. 31
Bank of Asia	120					[Final 25 cents] Feb. 29, 31
Insurance.						
Canton Ins.	1400					[Final 25 cents] May 10, 30
Union Ins.		530				[Final 25 cents] May 10, 30
*China Underwriters	490	510				[Final 25 cents] May 10, 30
China Fire Ins.	525					[Final 25 cents] May 30, 30
H. K. Fire Ins.		1300				[Final 25 cents] Mar. 26, 31
Shipping.						
Douglas	211					Last dividend for 1931
H. K. Steamship	261	267 1/2				[Final 25 cents] Mar. 4, 30
Indo-China (P.C.)		40				[Final 25 cents] June 10, 30
(Def.)		30				[Final 25 cents] June 10, 30
Shell Transport		60/3				[Final 25 cents] Jan. 6, 31
Union Waterboat		35 1/2				[Final 25 cents] Mar. 31, 31
Mining.						
Benguet						[Final 25 cents] Mar. 31, 31
Kailan Mining Ad.		31/9				[Final 25 cents] Dec. 20, 30
Langkat		81				[Final 25 cents] Dec. 20, 30
Shai Exploration	170					[Final 25 cents] Dec. 20, 30
Loans		51				[Final 25 cents] Feb. 6, 31
*Raua		382				[Final 25 cents] Mar. 16, 31
Venezuela Gold Fields	82					
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.						
H. K. & K. Wharves		105				[Final 25 cents] Mar. 19, 31
H. K. & W. Docks	26 1/2					[Final 25 cents] Mar. 19, 31
South Ch. Motors		10				
*China Provident (old)	51					[Final 25 cents] Apr. 8, 31
(new)	2.65					[Final 25 cents] Apr. 8, 31
Hongkong	300					[Final 25 cents] Apr. 8, 31
N. Engineering		610				[Final 25 cents] Apr. 8, 31
Shanghai Docks		108 1/2				[Final 25 cents] Apr. 8, 31
Land, Hotels & Buildings.						
*H. & S. Hotels (C.R.)	14.60	14 1/2				[Final 25 cents] Apr. 16, 31
(E.R.)	31					[Final 25 cents] Apr. 16, 31
(Rus.)		13.55				[Final 25 cents] Apr. 16, 31
H.K. Lands	96 1/2					[Final 25 cents] Feb. 10, 31
Shanghai Lands		40				[Final 25 cents] Mar. 10, 31
Humphreys (Cum Rts.)		17.15				[Final 25 cents] Feb. 24, 31
H. K. Realities	11.85	11.45				[Final 25 cents] Apr. 15, 31
Chinese Estates	90					[Final 25 cents] July 21, 30
Cotton Mills.						
*Ewo Cotton		14 1/2				[Final 25 cents] Mar. 12, 31
Shanghai Cotton		106				[Final 25 cents] Nov. 20, 30
Zong Sing		11 1/2				[Final 25 cents] Oct. 11, 30
Public Utilities.						
*H. K. Tramways	19.30					[Final 25 cents] Feb. 27, 31
Peak Tram (old)		14 1/2				[Final 25 cents] June 10, 30
(new)		8 1/2				[Final 25 cents] Feb. 13, 31
Star Ferry		94				[Final 25 cents] Dec. 15, 30
*China Light	23.80					[Final 25 cents] Mar. 16, 31
H. K. Electric	79 1/2					[Final 25 cents] Mar. 16, 31
Macao		28				
Sandakan Light		12				
H.K. Tel. (fully paid)		54				[Final 25 cents] Mar. 11, 31
part paid		48				[Final 25 cents] Feb. 26, 30
China Bus		18.50				[Final 25 cents] Feb. 6, 31
S'pore Traction (Ord.)		6/5				[Final 25 cents] Feb. 6, 31
(Pref.)		10 1/2				
Industrials.						
China Sugars		80 1/2				[Final 25 cents] Mar. 4, 31
Malayan Sugars		39				[Final 25 cents] Mar. 27, 31
Cald. Macg. Ord.		14				[Final 25 cents] Mar. 27, 31
Pref.		10 1/2				
Canton Ice	3.60					
*Cements (com.)	19 1/2	18.40				[Final 25 cents] Mar. 16, 31
(old)	19 1/2					[Final 25 cents] Mar. 16, 31
(new)		5.15				
H. K. Ropes	18 1/2	17.90				[Final 25 cents] Mar. 27, 31
Stores, &c.						
Dairy Farms	20 1/2	20 1/2				[Final 25 cents] Mar. 16, 31
Watsons	18.10	18.10				[Final 25 cents] Mar. 16, 31
Der A Wings		1				
Lane Crawford	5.85	5.50				[Final 25 cents] May 15, 30
Mackintosh		20				[Final 25 cents] June 10, 30
Sinocres	14 1/2					
Wm. Powell		2.35				
Miscellaneous.						
H.K. Amusement (old)	26	26 1/2				[Final 25 cents] Sept. 27, 30
(new)		24				
Ch. Entertainment		19.60				
H. K. Construction	6.60	6 1/2				[Final 25 cents] Apr. 22, 31
B. Ind. O. Bonds	60%					
H. K. Govt. Loans		6%				[Final 25 cents] Interest half yearly

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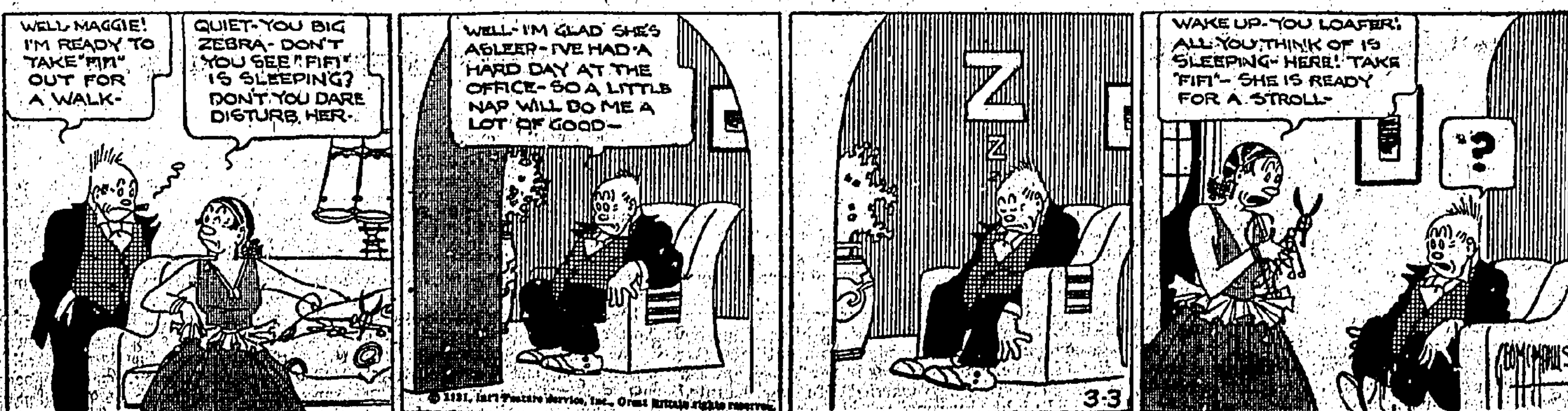
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EXTENSION OF AIR SERVICES.

Recent Delegation's Suggestion.

EMPIRE MAIL SERVICE.

In view of a recent cable announcing the extension of the Indian Air Mail service to Port Darwin, the following is of interest:—

Details have been issued now of a deputation from the London Chamber of Commerce which waited on the Secretary of State for Air to urge the development of night air mails and the extension of the England-India service to Australia and New Zealand.

Lord Herbert Scott, president of the Chamber, was accompanied by Colonel the Master of Sempill and Sir Robert McLean, the chairman and deputy chairman respectively of the Civil Aviation Section of the Chamber. They were received by Lord Amulree, who was accompanied by Mr. F. Montague, M.P., Under-Secretary, and Lieutenant-Colonel F. C. Sheldermine, Director of Civil Aviation.

The Master of Sempill dealt with the proposal for the institution of non-stop night air mail services to important Continental centres about 1,000 miles distant from London, which had been put forward last year.

While it was believed, he said, that there was at present no machine actually in existence capable of covering the mileage suggested without a stop, the design and construction of such a machine was immediately feasible. They contended that experience ought to have been gained by British air transport companies by the institution of night services similar to those which had already been initiated by other countries.

It was felt that an experimental night air service to the Continent, within the capacity of existing machines should be started as soon as possible. Such a service could be run with existing aircraft, which could be modified for night flying at a very small cost. Figures showed that in the operation of one foreign experimental service during 1930 the regularity was greater by night than by day.

Sir Robert McLean said that the present saving in time by the Indian air mail service was not great enough to be of real advantage to the business man in India or in Britain while the charges were too high to attract the general public.

Reasonable Fee.

Lord Amulree inquired what the Chamber considered a reasonable fee for a letter to India.

Lord Herbert Scott replied that 3d. would be a fair figure. The Chamber felt that air mail could only be popularised when charges had been reduced to a point where the public would think of the air mail as a normal method of dispatch and not as an emergency service. The only way to reduce the charge was to reduce the initial weight and for this reason the Chamber had advocated the introduction of 1/4 oz. unit of weight, with a corresponding reduction in charge.

Sir Robert McLean pointed out that the average speed in Summer on the Indian route between London and Karachi was about 28 miles an hour. Mails ought not to be kept stationary for approximately 16 out of the 24 hours merely because they had to travel at the same rate as passengers. The separation of passengers from mail should be recognised, and where traffic did not justify separate passenger and mail services over the same route a mail service operating on a 24-hour schedule should be given precedence.

Air mail services could not function without Government assistance at present, and it might be necessary to amend the Air Transport (Subsidy Agreements) Act, 1930.

Some acceleration might be made by the use of machines with a greater average cruising speed than those now in use, but it was the Chamber's view that no adequate solution of the problem would be found until the air mail to India was put on a 24-hour schedule.

Lighting of Routes.

As this would involve the lighting of routes, it was suggested that a plan for Empire air mail services should be prepared so that the necessary work involved in lighting the routes might be put in hand immediately. A reliable and regular 3 1/2 day schedule to Calcutta, 7 1/2 to Sydney and 8 1/2 to Wellington should be well within the limits of possibility. The Chamber urged the desirability of putting into operation at an early date that portion of the route lying between Calcutta and Australia.

Lord Amulree replied that personally he had much sympathy with the views of the Chamber on the desirability of this country developing efficient day and night air mail services and thus taking

ROUND THE CINEMAS

"TOM SAWYER"—FIRST SCREENING HERE.

MARK TWAIN'S HUMOUR.

School children must make it a point to go to the King's Theatre and see the talking picture, "Tom Sawyer," which is based on Mark Twain's famous book, "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer," which has been widely read by juveniles. Jackie Coogan, who scored his first screen triumph in "The Kid" with Charles Chaplin, talks for the first time, and you will like him.

Those who are acquainted with the book need not be told the story in print again, but now that it has been paraphrased through the splendid acting of young Jackie Coogan, the numerous pranks of Sawyer are refreshing. Mitzi Green, another juvenile favourite, is cast opposite Coogan, whilst Junior Durkin has a large share in the success of the film production.

"Tom Sawyer" is a film brimful with laughs, and there is a little excitement when Coogan is faced with Red Injun in a cave. . . .

Supporting the attraction is screened the latest Paramount newswreel, and a most amusing talkartoon musical.

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THE NAMING OF ANIMALS.

Mr. C. Davis Sherborn's Great Work.

HUGE INDEX.

Very few people outside the ranks of professional zoologists are likely to have noticed a paragraph announcing that Oxford was about to confer the degree of Doctor of Science, honoris causa, on Mr. C. Davis Sherborn, writes a correspondent of the Observer. This high distinction has been given to Mr. Sherborn in view of the approaching completion of his monumental work, the "Index Animalium," on the compilation of which he has been engaged for the last forty years.

In the eighteenth century Linnaeus tackled the problem of reducing to some kind of order and method our knowledge of the variety of living things. Linnaeus almost at once perceived that a great obstacle to this task was presented by the cumbersome and lengthy systems of naming animals and plants that were then in use. He evolved a system under which each species, or kind, of animal or plant received two names, the first indicating the genus to which the organism belonged, and the second the individual species. So practical and convenient has this system proved to be that it is universally employed to-day. In the tenth edition of the "Systema Naturae" Linnaeus described about 4,370 kinds or species of animals.

A Babel of Names.

Partly as a result of Linnaeus's influence, however, and still more as an outcome of the active exploration of the world in an age when Captain Cook and many other famous navigators were busy filling in the map, the number of known species of animals increased enormously. For the most part they were described by zoologists who followed the rules of nomenclature laid down by Linnaeus, but as time went on it became more and more difficult to ascertain whether a species had already been described, and many species were described, over and over again by successive naturalists under different names.

It was in 1890 that Mr. C. Davis Sherborn conceived the idea of preparing an exhaustive index of all the scientific names that had been applied to animals by naturalists since the time of Linnaeus, giving for each the exact date and place of publica-

tion. The work had proceeded so far that in 1902 the first part of the Index, covering the names introduced between 1758 and 1800, was published by the Cambridge University Press as a volume of 1,195 pages, and including over 65,000 names.

Sherborn's Index was at once recognised as a standard work by zoologists all the world over. This first volume, however, carrying the work only to the beginning of the nineteenth century, was no more than a preliminary clearing of the ground. The greater part of his work was done in the Natural History Museum at South Kensington, where his rapidly-growing store of manuscript slips was constantly being consulted by the staff and by visiting investigators.

Half A Million Names.

In 1922 the trustees of the British Museum, impressed by the fact that Sherborn's manuscript had now become indispensable to the Museum, and increasingly useful to zoologists outside it, undertook the publication of the second section of the index, dealing with names published between 1800 and 1850. Of this section twenty-four parts have now appeared, comprising over 6,000 pages, and bringing the index down to midway through the letter "a". All the remaining parts are now ready for, if not actually passing through, the press. When they have been published it is estimated that the total number of names indexed will be little, if at all, short of half a million. The continuation of the work beyond 1850 is not at present contemplated, partly because the literature since that date is more accessible and better indexed.

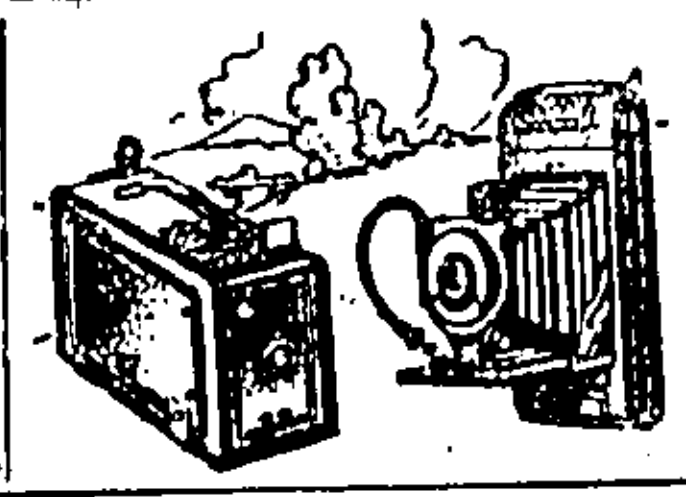
It will be readily understood that Dr. Sherborn's work is only an index of names, and by no means a catalogue of animals. It is, however, an indispensable preliminary to the preparation of such a catalogue. Of the half-million names or so published before 1850, perhaps only two-thirds represent distinct species of animals. If we ask how many species are known to-day, it will be easy to find a zoologist prepared to give an answer. The best authorities think the number is probably something in the neighbourhood of three-quarters of a million.

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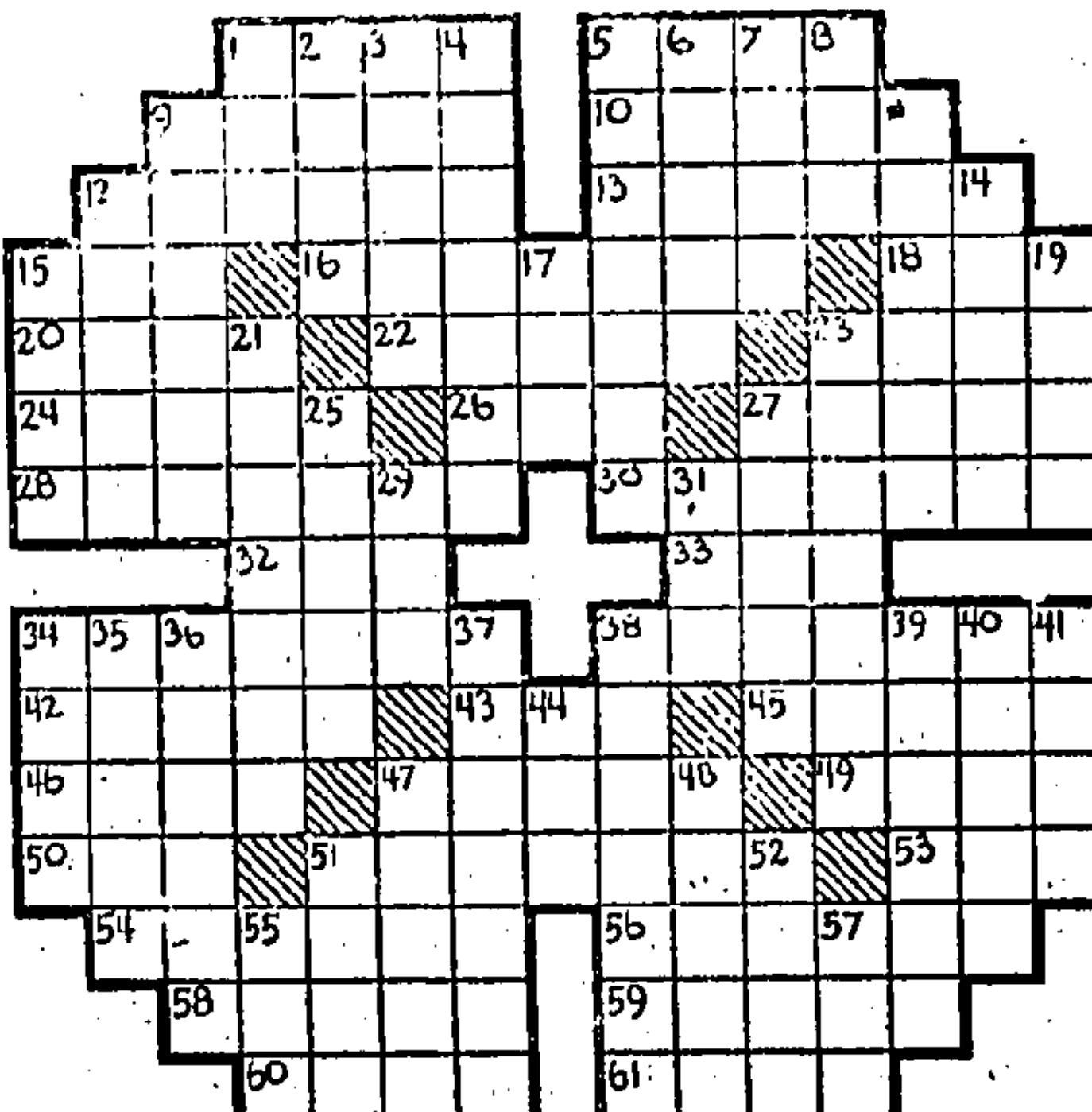
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.
(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but
our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic
spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL
1-A four-wheeled vehicle used in mines
5-The blackening made by smoke
9-Rank
10-A conical lodge of the Indians
12-Valuable
13-A province in Northern Nigeria
15-A Turkish name
16-A Greek letter
18-A weight measure
20-Pinch
22-Covering for the foot
24-Abounds
25-A call in driving horses
27-Plural of this
28-Perfume
32-An amateur Athletic Union (abbr.)
33-Goddess of the sea (Norse Myth.)
34-Wedded
35-A sailor
36-African game
38-Roe (fish)

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
45-Breathes noisily when asleep
46-Paruse
47-Watches over
49-To gird
50-Salt (Latin)
51-A scholastic term
53-Maritime distress signal
54-Bullocks (Prov. Brit.)
55-A lover
56-A blue gas with a pungent odor
58-Weeds
59-Open spaces
60-Insipidness (Colloq.)
61-Sort

VERTICAL
1-A loop furnished with a running knot
15-A stake in poker
17-Anger
19-Went
21-Stained
23-Beaming
25-A slow or lazy person
27-Emperors of Russia
28-A long braid of hair
31-Time period
34-God of war
35-Open spaces
36-Ancient business quarter of Venice
37-Clothes
38-Intercede
39-Sounds
40-Mistake
41-Sleeps, as fox
44-Answer (abbr.)
47-Numbers between twelve and twenty
48-A beverage (pt.)
51-Parlor (Gr. Arch.)
53-One of three giant goddesses (Norse Myth.)
55-Quince (abbr.)
57-Wild (fish)

VERTICAL (Cont.)
1-Pref. Three
2-Price
3-Highly skillful
4-An errand
5-Artificially elevated in manner
6-An island in the Cyclades group
7-On
8-Territory (abbr.)
9-Grass
11-Works at with steadiness

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in tomorrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

TALKIE TALKS
by
Diane

I said last week that "Whoopie" was one of the biggest Box-Office attractions of the past year—and there's a reason—it is one of the finest, if not the finest we have had the pleasure of seeing here. I repeat, Eddie Cantor is a "natural." The scenes in the broken-down motor car and the argument between the two men with their innumerable illnesses and operations, although veering toward the vulgar, are so screamingly funny that it harms the susceptibilities of no one. The whole cast pleases, and the production is a dream. I felt a glow of thankfulness when I looked upon such beauty, thankfulness that we have the eyes to see, the ears to hear and the sense to appreciate. It is when we see these enormous productions which have been a riot on Broadway, brought to our very doors, that we DO truly realize HOW much we owe America.

In this particular show we have the best of everything—colorful renditions of those two popular songs by one of the finest little artists I have ever seen. Hear him sing "A Girl Friend of a Boy Friend of Mine," and "My Baby just cares for me." The man is an artiste all through.

Large Fortune.
Until the Talkies came he had retired with a large fortune and intended settling down on his magnificent Long Island estate. He had appeared with Clara Bow in his first movie "Kid Boots," but it was a comparative failure. One must hear him as well as see. He is almost on a par with the genius of Charlie Chaplin—inasmuch as he is one of the few comedians who writes all his own gags and helps to produce the shows in which he appears. He is a Jew, very happily married, with a large family. Now after the enormous success he has made in the Talkies, he cannot be allowed to retire—he is too great to be spared. I thought the teamwork of the ballet in "The Show of Shows" unbeatable, but when I saw "Whoopie" I was amazed. Give those boys and girls your appreciation for the excellence of their work. See it twice at the Queen's.

Too bad that Mark Twain, the creator of "Tom Sawyer" and "Huckleberry Finn," might not see these entertaining characters portrayed upon the screen by Jackie Coogan and Junior Durkin, not forgetting Mitzl Green; each one perfectly acted. The direction is

Boudoir Diplomat.
A Universal feature with Ian Keith, Betty Compson, (who can be so good, I shall not forget her in "The Street Girl"), Mary Duncan, Jeanette Loff and others. It tells of the intimate lives and loves of a Royal Court, at least as story will have it. I have not been behind the scenes in a Royal household so cannot say whether we are to believe it or not. Anyhow it is beautifully put on, some fairly witty lines and with the Elinor Glyn—Charles Garvice type of story will give you a good evening's entertainment. (Central).


I wrote in the Mail last Monday how much I thought of Nancy Carroll in "The Devil's Holiday." Give the little girl a hand. It was strong drama, perfectly acted and directed. If you missed it, you missed a treat. (Central).

Reginald Denny is so good in the Talkies that he alone is worth seeing in "Those Three French Girls." Fifi Dorsey, Yola Davril and Sandra Ravel respectively. Dressmakers finding themselves landed in jail with a kind Briton who had helped them to throw flower-pots at landlady. Meeting with low-brow friends in before-mentioned jail, finding themselves in the home of a British Earl, ending with wedding bells.


P. G. Wodehouse, said to be one of the finest types of British humorists, received a large sum of money for the story. Perhaps you will wonder where his sense of humour was when he wrote this for the Talkies. (Queen's).

A very great picture is coming shortly to the Queen's, at least from Press reports I am led to believe so. "Trader Horn" taken in the wilds of Africa, under the direction of W. S. Van Dyke, with an old time favourite of the Wild West Movies—Harry Carey, a new blond, Edwin Booth and most worthy of mention the untutored African natives. Three women and 32 men dared the dangers and fevers of the tropics for over a year to bring this extraordinary film to us. More later. (Queen's).

Mary Brian and Fredric March in "The Marriage Playground." It is built upon Edith Wharton's story "The Children." It is all about the price they pay for the divorce of their parents. Mary endeavours to look after a brood of the most painfully horrible children I have seen on screen or


Jackie Coogan.

under the skilled hands of John Cromwell—(husband of Kay Johnson) who has captured a great deal of the humour of Twain, and his warm kindly understanding of boyhood. By all means let the children see it, but book your seat, too. (King's).


Mary Brian.

real life. With the aid of hero who helps to keep the "naughty little things" under control. She looks pretty. Fredric March—lost in a silly part. A did not enjoy it—but there are others who will just love it. (Central).

John Mack Brown in his first starring vehicle—"Billy the Kid," with King Vidor at the megaphone. There has been no more colourful character in the criminal annals of the plains and deserts than this youth who began life as a cattle rustler, tried to go straight, then killed the man who sought the life of his employer. In the Talkie version they make it unreal but lively. We see him modestly keeping silent about the number of men he has killed. Wallace Beery is the sheriff constantly on his trail. I do not like Kay Johnson, she has only ever done one good thing—"Dynamite." All Hong Kong has seen the trailer—because all Hong Kong has seen "Whoopie"—so you know what exciting times you will see. (Queen's).

If the Boop-a-doop girl, Helen Kane, appeals to you, go and see her in "Dangerous Dan McGrew." It starts out as a burlesque of the famous poem. Do not ask me to recount the complications nor the yarn. Helen boops her way, and sings, and Victor Moore, James Hall and Stuart Erwin do all they can to help the show along. (Central).

HOLLYWOOD GOSSIP.

Charles Buddy Rogers now stands at the crisis of his career. He is being featured with Richard

Arlon in a picture and will play the part of a gangster. He will be allowed to act, not merely look the pretty boy, idol of the flappers. Blanche Sweet is on a vaudeville tour receiving \$2,500 a week. Rin Tin Tin is also doing his stuff. His share of the \$1,250 per week is a good bed and all the bones he desires.

Ruth Chatterton's ambition is a chateau in France, and no more work after her contract with Warners is finished. By that time the lucky lady will be the possessor of over a million in cold cash. That is what her new contract will bring in in four years' time.

Little words of wisdom from our favourite stars:
Garry Cooper says almost any problem can be overcome by ignoring its existence. Snap out of the negative state of mind. If a thing needs decisive action there is always a right time to do it. Flattery is a dangerous thing and very insidious—if you take it passively. If one is not alert one is liable to believe all those yarns about HOW marvellous you are.
Corinne Griffith says—"No one ever baked a cake by going to a matinee." Mary Pickford makes sure which problem is her particular job, then she works at it till she is satisfied, and it is settled.
William Powell says not to expect too much of life, it is so full

of disappointments. We labour, sacrifice, trying to convince ourselves that there is some purpose in our existence, but through all this—what is Mother Nature doing? Laughing at the feeble attempts we make. She gives us the instinct for self-preservation, when we have served her purpose she is through with us—WHAT purpose? Ah there is the eternal riddle to which there is no key. Richard Barthelmess says all men love flattery, they are the vainest things in the world. (This from a man, mark you). Men are happier than women. Companionship is important to a man—because it is rare.
Conrad Nagel says if a woman is cleverer than a man she should be doubly clever enough to hide it. Words of wisdom I repeat.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

SCUR	DELAY	DABS
TOES	EVENT	GRUE
COLUMBIAN	SPLITE	
SERIALS	COLDER	
TENTS	LOOE	
STREET	LIGATURE	
END	SNEAK	SERIN
RUED	GAMES	SAND
GREEN	FEINT	GO
SERIAL	RODMATE	GO
SUDDEN	FOMENTS	
KNEES	OVERSLION	
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	1931.	1918.	1914.
Butcher Meat.			
Beef Sirloin	牛尾	肥	lb. 33 24 12
Prime Cut	牛	30 28 11	
Corned	咸牛	肉	" 23 12
Roast	熟牛	肉	" 33 24 22
Breast	牛	30 20 18	
Soup	牛	27 20 18	
Steak	牛	33 24 22	
Steak Sirloin	牛	46 30 35	
Sausages	牛	86 26 20	
Bullock's Brains	牛	per set 17 10 12	
Tongue, fresh	牛	each 75 50 50	
Tongue, corned	牛	" 60 —	
Head	牛	" \$1.20 — \$1.20	
Heart	牛	lb. 24 18 14	
Kidney	牛	" 20 18	
Foot	牛	each 12 10 12	
Kidneys	牛	" 15 10 12	
Tail	牛	" 27 20 22	
Liver	牛	lb. 24 18 14	
Tripes	牛	" 8 6 7	
Calves' Head & Feet	牛	set \$1.50 \$1.00 \$1.00	
Mutton Chop	羊	lb. 40 26 —	
Leg	羊	" 40 26 —	
Shoulder	羊	" 36 24 —	
Saddle	羊	" 40 —	
Pigs' Chittlings	猪	lb. 28 27 —	
Brains	猪	Per set 3 —	
Feet	猪	lb. 16 15 —	
Fry	猪	" 28 15 13	
Head	猪	" 18 20 —	
Heart	猪	each 15 10 10	
Kidneys	猪	" 15 10 3	
Liver	猪	lb. 48 30 24	
Pork Chop	猪	" 36 25 23	
Leg	猪	" 36 —	
Loin	猪	" 40 60 70	
Fat or Lard	猪	" 26 21 —	
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊	set 12 8 7	
Heart	羊	" 15 12 10	
Kidneys	羊	" 45 26 25	
Liver	羊	" 25 25 22	
Sucking Pigs, to order	猪	lb. 25 25 22	
Suet, Beef	牛	" 22 20 18	
Mutton	羊	" 36 26 26	
Veal	牛	" 22 20 20	
Sausages	牛	" 28 —	
No. 1.		" 32 —	
Fish.			
Barbel	魚	lb. 48 16 24	
Bream	魚	" 25 20 16	
Canton Fresh Water	魚	" 25 —	
Carp	魚	" 30 13 16	
Catfish	魚	" 26 16 27	
Codfish	魚	" 26 12 9	
Crab	魚	" 38 16 17	
Cuttle Fish	魚	" 24 23 26	
Dab	魚	" 26 16 27	
Dace	魚	" 38 23 16	
Dog Fish	魚	" 18 10 —	
Eels, Conger	魚	" 28 10 8	
Fresh Water	魚	" 25 16 —	
Yellow	魚	" 34 10 8	
Frogs	魚	" 70 26 20	
Grouper	魚	" 68 32 25	
Gudgeon	魚	" 20 40 30	
Herrings	魚	" 25 22 18	
Halibut	魚	" 28 13 23	
Labrus	魚	" 32 18 15	
Loach	魚	" 65 32 18	
Lobsters	魚	" 48 62 24	
Mackerel	魚	" 30 32 21	
Monk Fish	魚	" 30 13 2	
Mullet	魚	" 35 12 2	
Oysters	魚	" 22 14 9	
Parrot Fish	魚	" 22 30 15	
Pike	魚	" 34 16 9	
Plaice	魚	" 36 36 29	
Pomfret, White	魚	" 48 36 30	
Pomfret, Black	魚	" 37 36 45	
Prawns	魚	" 68 10 14	
Ray	魚	" 18 10 14	
Rock Fish	魚	" 20 13 18	
Salmon	魚	" 30 22 10	
Shark	魚	" 48 86 30	
Shark	魚	" 18 8 10	
Shrimp	魚	" 18 10 10	
Shrimps	魚	" 44 32 30	
Snapper	魚	" 48 28 23	
Soles	魚	" 35 22 23	
Tench	魚	" 30 26 85	
Turbot	魚	" 28 13 12	
Turtles, small, fr. water	魚	" 1.50 40 —	
Poultry.			
Chicken	雞	lb. 60 30 31	
Capons, Small	雞	" 56 23 30	
Capons, Large	雞	" 62 23 30	
Duck	鴨	" 44 22 21	
Doves	鳩	each 38 22 21	
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	蛋	doz. 33 13 —	
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	蛋	" 36 25 20	
Fowls, Canton	雞	lb. 66 38 24	
Fowls, Hainan	雞	" 55 85 24	
Geese	鴨	" 45 24 24	
Pigeons, Canton	鴿	each 36 80 —	
" Hoihow	鴿	" 30 28 —	
Turkeys, Cock	雞	lb. 75 —	
Turkeys, Hen	雞	" 60 61 45	
Snipe	鴨	each 80 —	
Pheasant	鴨	pair 3.50 —	
Quail	鴨	each 45 —	
Partridges	鴨	" 1.20 —	
Fruits.			
Almonds	杏仁	lb. 85 35 —	
Apples (California)	金山蘋果	" 32 26 —	
Bananas (bride's)	蘭山香蕉	" 6 4 —	
Carambola	楊桃	" 12 —	
Coconuts	椰子	each 12 10 10	
Lemons, China	檸檬	lb. 15 25 30	
Lemons (American)	金山檸檬	each 13 8 —	
Lichees, Dried	荔枝干	lb. 85 25 30	
Oranges (Canton)	新會橙	" 22 —	
Oranges	橙	" 32 — 15	
Pears (Canton)	沙梨	" 20 —	
Peanuts	花生	" 14 10 12	
Persimmons, Large	紅柿	" 12 —	
Plantain	大蕉	" 5 8 —	
Pumelo, Siam	暹羅柚	each 22 12 6	
Walnuts	胡桃	lb. 24 — 10	
Grapes	菩提	" 65 —	
Vegetables, &c.			
Artichokes	菜花	each 12 — 2	
Beans, Sprout	芽豆	lb. 5 — 7	
" Long	豆	" 8 —	
Beet Root	紅頭	" 12 —	
Bitter Squash	苦瓜	" 22 24 —	
Brinjals, Green	青瓜	" 15 5 3	
" Red	紅瓜	" 8 5 3	
Cabbage, Chinese	芥蘭	" 8 —	
" (Shanghai)	菜	" 12 12 —	
Cane Shoots, bunch	筍	" 10 —	
Cauliflower (Large)	大花椰菜	each 22 —	
" (Medium)	中花椰菜	" 16 —	
" (Small)	小花椰菜	" 12 6 6	
Carrots	金	lb. 6 5 6	
Celery, Chinese	美菜	" 10 10 6	
Chillies, Dried	辣椒	" 15 25 6	
" Red	紅辣椒	" 13 10 10	
" Green	青辣椒	" 9 8 12	
Curry Stuff, English	菜	" 10 8 —	
Cucumbers	瓜	" 15 2 —	
Garlic	蒜	" 8 6 6	
Ginger, Young	子薑	" 9 7 —	
" Old	薑	" 8 20 —	
Foreradiab, Shanghai	菜	" 35 8 4	
Indian Corn	粟米	" 9 45 —	
Lettuce	生菜	" 8 1 —	
Water Chestnuts	荸薺	" 9 — 8	
" Mandarin	菜	" 10 — 8	
Mushrooms, Fresh	鮮草	" — 1 10	
Okros	菜	" 10 8 8	
Onions, Bombay	洋蔥	" 6 4 6	
" Green	蔥	" 8 6 —	
" Shanghai	上海蔥	" 15 60 8	
Parsley	芹	" 5 8 —	
Potato, Sweet	薯	" 5 8 —	
" Japanese	日本薯	" 4 8 —	
" American	金山薯	" 7 3 —	
Pumpkin	冬瓜	" 4 4 4	
Radish	紅蘿蔔	" 5 —	
Rhubarb (Fresh)	大菜	" 18 — 10	
Shallots	蔥	" 8 — 8	
Spinach	菠菜	" 8 8 —	
Tomatoes	番茄	" 12 4 —	
Taro	芋	" 6 7 —	
Turnips, Punt (Long)	蘿蔔	" 6 6 —	
Vegetable Marrow	西蘭花	" — 4 —	
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Water Lily Root	蓮	" 6 15 —	

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AMERICAN MATE'S FATE.

Small Hope of His Survival.

SEARCH TUG RETURNS.

Upon enquiry this morning, it was learned that no trace had been found by searching vessels of Mr. George J. Lavin, chief officer of the American steamer Golden Mountain, who, it is presumed, fell overboard off Green Island on Wednesday night.

The Naval tug sent out by the Commodore has returned, and no further information has been received from any other quarter.

It is now learned that the weather on Wednesday night outside was bad, coupled with a thick fog. It must, therefore, be regretfully concluded that small hopes can be entertained of Mr. Lavin's survival.

WINTER VOYAGE.

SPECIAL TOUR OF THE FAR EAST.

BLUE FUNNEL ENTERPRISE.

We are informed that it has been arranged for the Blue Funnel steamer Ulysses to make a special round voyage to Ceylon, Malaya, China and Japan, sailing from Liverpool on September 26, 1931, and due Liverpool on return January 30, 1932, at a cost of £126.

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Further particulars of this voyage can be obtained from Messrs. Butterfield & Swire.

A HEAVY DRINK.

INDIAN GIRL SWALLOWS QUICKSILVER.

An Indian girl named Ashud Bagan, aged two years and a half, was removed to the Government Civil Hospital from 55, Tung Lo Wan Road, for observation. The girl is believed to have swallowed some quicksilver.

STOP PRESS

Lisbon, To-day.
Four trawlers, converted into guardships, left for Madeira to-day to participate in the operations against the rebels. Two destroyers and an auxiliary cruiser left for Madeira at mid-day.—Reuter.

London, Yesterday.
The Air Force salute which became "a salute of death," apparently lies behind the crash in which Vice Air-Marshal Vesey Holt and Lieut. Moody were killed. A squadron of eight single seater fighters had been ordered to act as an escort to Holt's plane for a few miles and give the usual Air Force salute when they parted. The squadron dipped in salute when the Moth was at a height of 1,500 feet, and one of the fighters lightly collided with Holt's plane, which developed a spin and crashed.—Reuter.

Port Darwin, To-day.
Commodore Kingsford Smith took off for Keopang to-day to pick up the City of Cairo air mails.—Reuter.

Hankow, To-day.
The Misses Nordlund and Nelson have been released, according to a telegram, which does not mention Mr. Anderson. The captors were demanding \$120,000, but presumably released the women as being a hindrance. It is reported that Holung is being pressed by Government troops.—Reuter.

INDIAN DRAMA.

MAN'S FIGHT WITH LEOPARD IN GARDEN.

Searching for a missing dog, the head warder of the Central jail in Jubbulpore stumbled across a full-grown leopard with which he had to battle for his life on a Sunday afternoon lately.

His search led him to the undergrowth surrounding the garden where he found the dog dead in a pool of blood.

On approach he was met by the growling leopard which appeared from the undergrowth. Under the impression that the animal was a hyena the warder dealt it a blow with a stick, but as the animal emerged into full view, he realized his mistake and the seriousness of his position.

Immediately the leopard attacked the man, and with a blow of its paw dislodged two of his teeth, and fell him to the ground. Though badly scratched, however, he escaped being mauled.

Attracted by the noise of the struggle which ensued, convicts working in the grounds set up such a commotion that the beast made off, causing alarm among the students of a Mission school through the compound of which it passed.

"GHOST" OF SYDNEY BRIDGE.

Engineers Explain Weird Wailings.

FRICTION OF JOINTS.

Sydney Harbour Bridge, the largest in the world, has a "ghost." Engineers say that they have a simple explanation for eerie wails which are heard at irregular intervals, but workmen still call the phenomenon the "bridge ghost."

The uncanny sounds were heard first on the approach spans. They were first attributed to the siren of a vessel passing underneath the arch, but the persistence of the sounds soon attracted closer attention. Engineers were informed, and tried to explain the phenomenon.

Several theories were advanced and quickly rejected. It was suggested that riveting machines were reacting upon certain steel members, causing them to take up vibrations in sympathy, in the manner of a tuning-fork. This was soon discounted, for the sounds came on as strongly as ever when there were no riveters at work.

Gusts of Wind Blamed.
It was then suggested that gusts of wind were responsible. On the roadway section there are several vertical pipes for drainage, and it was thought that under the wind's influence they were acting like the pipes of an organ. The recurrence of the sound on a perfectly still day exploded this theory.

A very simple solution of the problem has now been found. It has been observed that the wailing is heard only on days during which the temperature varies greatly. On a cloudy day, broken by short periods of strong sunshine, the walls are particularly noticeable.

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A Sydney naturalist disagrees with the scientific explanation, and asserts that he identifies the wails of the bridge as the usual hunger cry of the white elephant.

AIRMEN KILLED.

FATE OF NEW AIR VICE-MARSHAL.

London, Yesterday.
Air Vice-Marshal Felton Vesey Holt, the air officer commanding the fighting area in the air defence of Great Britain, and Flight Lieut. H. M. Moody, were killed in a collision at Seahurst Park, Sussex, between a Moth plane in which Vice-Marshal Vesey Holt and Lt. Moody were passenger and pilot, respectively, and a Siskin fighter.

The sole occupant of the Siskin was uninjured.
Vice-Marshal Vesey Holt was a pioneer of the old Royal Flying Corps, and received his present appointment only as recently as April 1.—Reuter.

COST OF THE ROUSE CASE.

At Northamptonshire County Council, Sir Arthur de Capell-Brooke (chairman) said the Rouse case would probably cost the Standing Joint Committee £2,000, or a halfpenny rate.

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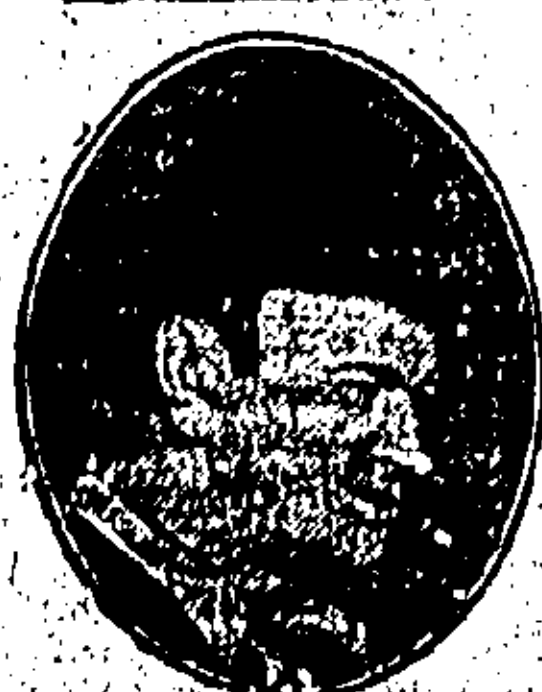
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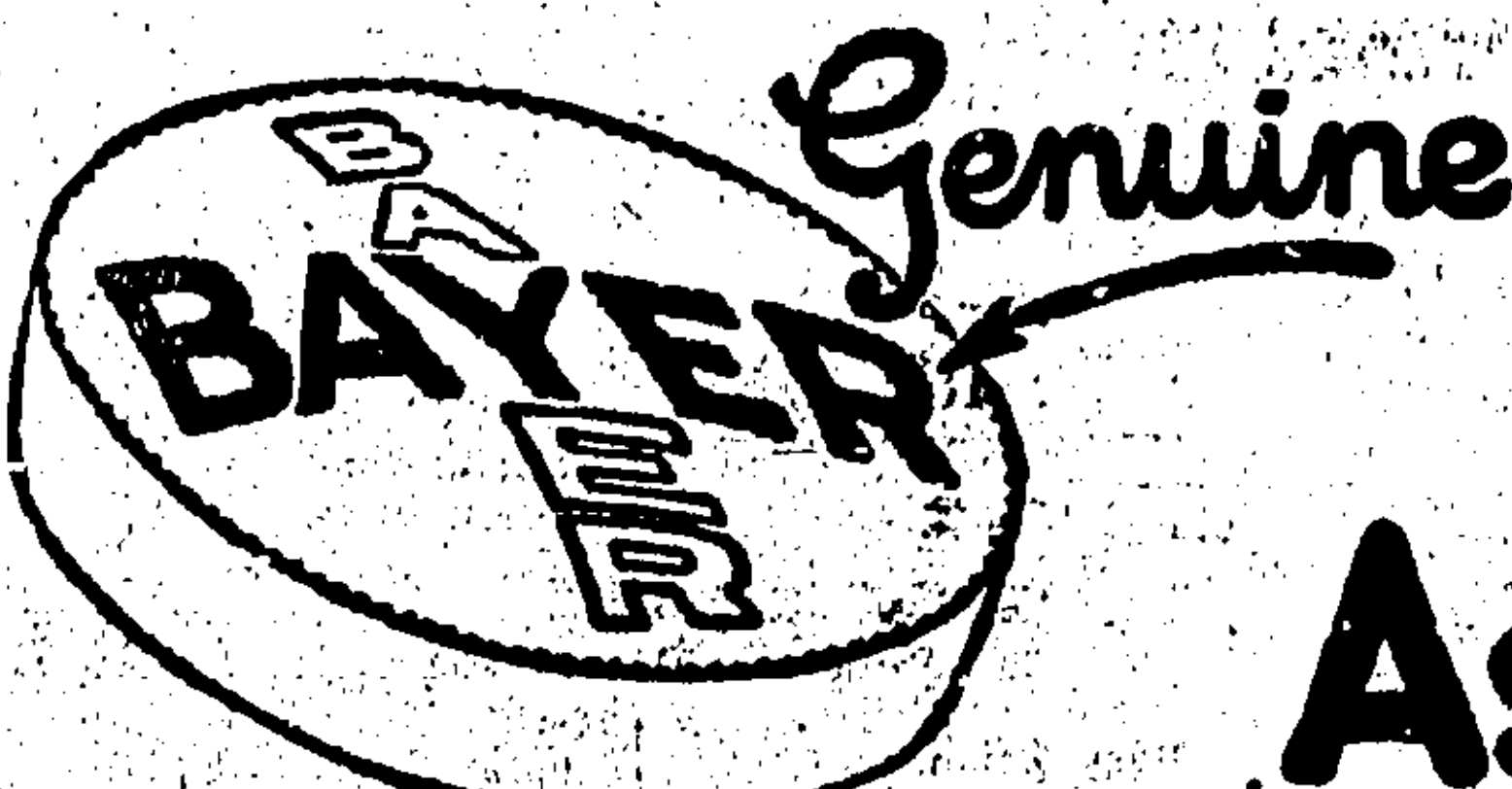
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